

Saturday September 2nd

1-2:15pm

Workshop: The Rules of Engagement

Summary: If you've had enough of one-night stands, short-term love affairs, or Mr. Right-Now, then this is the workshop for you. This workshop is designed to help men and women develop a relationship resume of quality. Come and learn the secrets to a long-term love affair in the new millennium.

Presenter: Benn Setfrey

Location: Marietta Room

Workshop: Reconciling Your Sexual Orientation with Your Spirituality

Summary: All fear, doubt, self-hatred and self-condemnation cease when we realize that each of us, in the midst of who we are as LGBT individuals, were uniquely created for a divine purpose. Join us as we explore principles on how spiritual growth can lead to liberation in every area of your life.

Presenter: Bryan Edney

Location: Roswell Room

Workshop: Puppy Love

Summary: A Community Group Discussion, the purpose is to encourage dialogue to begin building bridges and fill generational gaps. This event is for GLBTQ Youth of Color only: Male, Female, & Transgendered, people of color, 25 & under.

Presenter: J. Lawrence Warren

Location: Piedmont Room

Workshop: James Baldwin: His Works, His Life

Summary: Writers Vincent Tolliver and Clarence Nero will lead a lively discussion on Baldwin's influence on religion, politics, and culture. Tolliver and Nero will explore the following question: Is James Baldwin relevant today?

Presenter: Vincent Tolliver

Location: Highlands Room

Workshop: BDSM 101

Summary: Our first seminar will be a general forum where people will get to learn about BDSM and Leather and learn some of the basic rules and regulations and the history of people of color in leather. We will also do only two simple demos.

Presenter: Southeast Men of Onyx

Location: Ansley Room

Workshop: Transgender, Transsexualism from a TransMale Perspective

Summary: Southeastern Transgender Wellness Conference

Presenter: Bill Coghill

Location: Fulton Room

Workshop: Beyond Black and Christian



Summary: A panel discussion that will focus on 3 areas: A critique around how much power the Black community gives to Christianity, how does your faith deal with issues of homosexuality, what power does Christianity give to the Black community?

Presenter: Sandra Lawson

Location: Peachtree Room

Saturday, September 2nd 2:30-3:45

Workshop: BDSM 201

Summary: We will do a brief recap of the first session, do some more demonstrations, and have more dialogue.

Presenter: Southeast Men of Onyx

Location: Ansley Room

Workshop: Brothaz and Sistaz

Summary: Brothaz & Sistaz a discussion group meeting formatted like a social club. This event is for GLBTQ Youth of Color only: Male, Female, & Transgendered, people of color, 25 & under.

Presenter: J. Lawrence Warren

Location: Piedmont Room

Workshop: Struggling Against the Oppressions in the Black Same Gender Loving Community

Summary: How do we struggle against the oppressions in the African American Same Gender Loving Community? This workshop attempts to address this question. It holds up the Black Women's Club Movement, who combated race-gender-class oppression, as an example for moving from victimization to justice makers.

Presenter: Leevahn Smith

Location: Marietta Room

Workshop: Introduction to Polivisity - A Dating Alternative and lifestyle for Black Gay Men of Color

Summary: Exploring *POLIVISITY*- combines the word "Poly" which means "many or several," the word "inclusivity" (the state of including), and fidelity, meaning faithful

Presenter: Cleon T. Day, III

Location: Highlands Room

Workshop: Adopting as SGL parents

Summary: Are you considering adoption as a way of building your family? This workshop is intended for those who are considering adoption.

Presenter: Valarie Barlow

Location: Fulton Room

Workshop: "Brave Souls Ain't Down Low: Keeping it Real for Real in the Age of AIDS"

Summary: For several years now, Black America has been bombarded with media about the Down Low Phenomenon-- creating a circus of attention on the lifestyles of black men who love men, though often without representation by those of who live their lives openly and without shame. Brave Soul Collective is a national collective of brothas celebrating the "up high"-- the honoring, exhaltation, and celebration of brave souls who are "out", visible, and gatekeepers in not just same gender loving communities, but in the Black community at large. This workshop is not about vilifying the "Down Low" but questioning its romanticization and placement as a *preferred* way to be a black man who loves men (e.g., from personal ad profiles, to social networks). Brave Soul Collective makes it debut in Atlanta to help "Bring Light to the Truth." Are you ready to flip the switch?

Presenters: Tim'm West, Monte J. Wolfe, Erik Chambers

Location: Kennesaw Room

Workshop: Trans 101

Summary: Southeast Transgender Wellness Conference

Presenter: Earline Budd

Location: Peachtree Room

4pm-5:15pm

Workshop: The Power of One

Summary: This workshop will explore the development of inclusive communities that honor, celebrate, and defend the humanity of everyone. We will explore how love is the binding force that demands and enables radical welcome and justice for all, following the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Dr. Cornell West, bell hooks, and various spiritual perspectives.

Presenters: Rev. Dr. Kathy Martin and Rev. T. Paul Graetz

Location: Marietta Room

Workshop: PEEPS

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Presenter: J. Lawrence Warren

Location: Piedmont Room

Workshop: In the Raw: Men of Color Barebacking

Summary: Hedonistic pleasure or act of trust? Reckless behavior or responsible risk? Join us as we examine the multiple angles of this issue. Panel featuring: Ty Lattmire, Anthony Antoine, Malik Williams, and Kevin Bynes

Presenter: Craig Washington

Location: Ansley Room

Workshop: "But You Promised"...A Public Conversation

Summary: Workshop will focus on domestic violence (emotional & physical abuse) in lesbian relationships. We will begin by defining abusive relationships, pointing out significant differences between homosexual and heterosexual abusive relationships (factors influencing), discussing some options for "escaping" the relationship and how to start to heal afterwards.

Presenter: Kita Sims

Location: Highlands Room

Workshop: Transgender Panel Discussion: "TRANSPHOBIA" in The Black Gay Community

Summary: Southeastern Trans Wellness Conference

Presenter: Dee Dee Chamblee

Location: Fulton Room

5:30-6:45pm

Workshop: "F" What you Heard, This is Me, Love Me or Hate Me

Summary: An interactive workshop centered around college students accepting their sexuality and being comfortable in their skin, helping build confidence, and to promote high self-esteem. Participants will talk and get a better understanding about sexual discrimination/abuse on college campuses

Presenter: Damon Watson

Location: Marietta Room

Workshop: Narcotics Anonymous, A Road to Recovery

Summary: To inform the public that NA exists and offers recovery from the disease of addiction. We are a recovery organization whose members meet regularly to help each other stay clean from all drugs, including alcohol.

Presenter: Freddie Harris

Location: Roswell Room

Workshop: Locating US: Atlanta and LGBT Historical Preservation

Summary: Though gains have been made in documenting LGBT history over the last two decades, gaps still remain, especially at the local level, and more so with communities of color. This workshop addresses the role of archives as repositories of individual and cultural memory, thus history.

Presenter: Kerrie Cotton Williams and Wesley Chenault

Location: Piedmont Room

Workshop: Creating winning storylines and getting the publishing deal of your dreams

Summary: A comprehensive workshop that examines plot, character, and other elements of fiction. While the second half of the workshop will take a look at publishing, including everything from writing solid query letters to getting an agent.

Presenter: Clearance Nero

Location: Ansley Room

Workshop: HIV/AIDS: Risk Reduction in Trans-Community

Summary: Southeastern Trans Wellness Conference

Presenter: Toni Collins-Quarterman

Location: Peachtree Room

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Workshop: Broken to Mended

Summary: This workshop is designed to reach out to those who have experience broken hearts, souls, minds, and relationships. Many have damaged emotions, broken hearts, minds with no peace; this brokenness deals with your souls, your minds, wills, and emotions. Although they have been broken in the past or even now, this workshop is for men to encourage each other with a round table discussion about situations that are causing us to be broken and how we can help each other to gain Wholeness.

Presenter: Terrance Tindall

Location: Marietta Room

Workshop: Creating Healing Through Addressing Aggression in Our Relationships

Summary: This workshop will identify areas of abuse/aggression in relationships and introduce interventions to contain these and foster intimacy through communication.

Presenter: Robert Mathis

Location: Kennesaw Room

Workshop: Homosexuality and the Black Church- A Journey to Healing

Summary: The workshop will examine how the historic black church has dealt with homosexuality. We will vector our focus toward creating a safe

emotional space for LGBT Christians of color to embrace their faith.

Presenter: Franc Perry

Location: Roswell Room

Workshop: Black, Gay, and Greek: The Challenges of LGBT Members of Black Fraternities and Sororities

Summary: We will discuss prominent gay members of fraternities and sororities, the potential blackballing of openly gay aspirants, ostracization of members who come out of the closet, and how to reconcile sexuality with brotherhood or sisterhood. We will also briefly touch on organizational stereotypes and how they affect the internal and public perception of homosexuals within the organizations.

Presenter: Rashid Darden

Location: Piedmont Room

Workshop: Men, Sex, and Spirit pt. 1

Summary: There seems to be a consensus within the African American, Same Gender Loving community that love and relationships do not exist. More specifically, many black SGL men find it increasingly difficult to negotiate and incorporate sexuality with spirituality. This workshop will discuss issues related to Spirituality, Sexuality and a combination of the two. It explores the stereotypes within black SGL relationships. It seeks to challenge how we define our lives separate from heterosexual standards

Presenter: Lee Henderson, Jaleel Humphrey, Billy Dixon

Location: Ansley Room

2:30-3:45

Workshop: He's Gotta Have It!

Summary: Meet me at the Club...it's going down. Meet me at the mall it's going down. Meet me at the park, it's going down. Meet me at....? What happens when Adam4Adam, Men4Now, Piedmont Park, Underground, The Gyms and other options become a regular obsessive way for black gay men to find sex? Do we have control when and with whom we have sex? Come find out what's *really* going down!

Presenter: Jon Gabriel Ortiz

Location: Highlands Room

Workshop: No Fats? No Fems? Gay Men and Body Image

Summary: We see the signs everywhere, from the mostly muscled bodies in our magazines and promotional materials, to personal ads and online profiles. Are brothas just pursuing what they like? Or are they perpetuating discrimination in our communities? Can we not help the things that arouse us, even if it's the very thing that oppresses us? Are they engaged in sexual freedom? Or are they practicing "sexual apartheid?" Should we be striving for the "perfect" gym body, or should we love ourselves and each other in all the shapes and sized we come in? These questions and more will be explored in this workshop.

Presenter: Ulester Douglass

Location: Kennesaw Room

Workshop: The S.H.E. Experience: Journey to Becoming a Powerful Woman

Summary: Everyone needs a S.H.E. Experience. That's an experience of Self-acceptance, Honesty and Expression. The journey of a Powerful Woman has sharp curves and loops and twists. It's important to have an internal compass to help us find our way.

Presenter: Gwendolyn Thomas

Location: Marietta Room

Workshop: From Friendship to Relationship

Summary: Have you ever met someone in the club or out and about and wanted to get to know them but didn't know how to approach them? Do you ever wonder how you can just be friends with someone without having sex first? This workshop will walk an individual through the steps of how to develop a friendship that could evolve into a relationship.

Presenter: LaMont "Montee Jamal" Evans

Location: Roswell Room

Workshop: Transgender Law

Summary: Southeastern Trans Wellness Conference

Presenter: Jamie Roberts

Location: Fulton Room

Workshop: Men, Sex, and Spirit pt. 2

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Location: Ansley Room

4pm-5:15pm

Workshop: Hip-Hop, Homophobia, and the Black Church

Summary: The panel's purpose is to engender public discourse on the Black Church's response to Hip-Hop and Homophobia

Presenter: Vincent Tolliver

Location: Ansley Room

Workshop: Life Strategic Planning

Summary: Join Montee as he provides a roadmap on how to develop a lifetime plan for those interested in getting more out of their life. Let Montee show you what works a keeping him successful, both personally and professionally.

Presenter: LaMont "Montee Jamal" Evans

Location: Roswell Room

Workshop: Can We Be Intimate Without Sex?

Summary: This workshop: "Can we be Intimate without SEX ?" will explore the process of dating. We will discuss various definitions of relationships. We will have demonstrations of intimacy (hand holding, hugging and eye contact) share affirmations with each other, role play and some brief meditative exercises.

Presenter: Maurice Cook

Location: Kennesaw Room

Workshop: 2006 Spiritual Health Information Session

Summary: This workshop is designed to create a relationship between GLBT individuals and area welcoming churches. The goal is to provide the individual with keys to spiritual health. The workshop reinforces that God loves the GLBT individual just the way they are. Refreshments will be provided.

Presenter: Shannon Gresham

Location: Peachtree Room

5:30-6:45

Workshop: Veil of Secrecy: Shame, and Guilt Regarding HIV in the African-American Community

Summary: Combating the silence around the issues of those infected or affected with HIV/ Mental Health & Substance Abuse utilizing the Harm Reduction approach for individual impact among professional and non-traditional service providers in the African American community.

Presenter: Zina Age

Location: Marietta Room

Workshop: Healing Our Childhood Wounds

Summary : Join Montee as he demonstrates and shares his four-step process for resolving childhood wounds that affect us to this day...some would call it baggage. Let Montee help you unpack the baggage that holds you back from being the best you could ever be. This workshop is not for the faint at heart.

Presenter: LaMont "Montee Jamal" Evans

Location: Roswell Road

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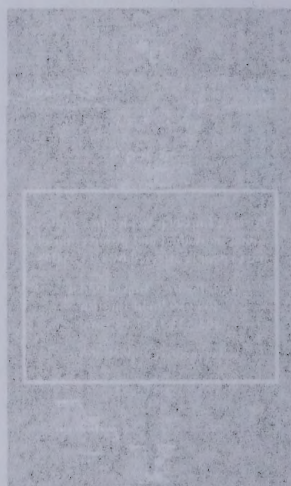
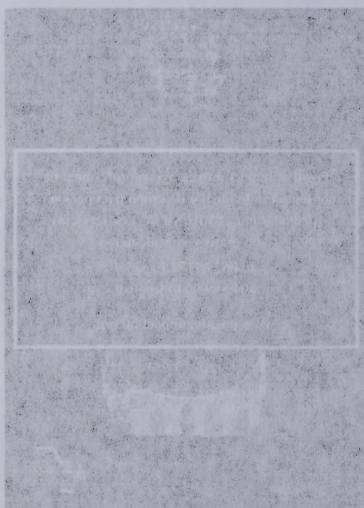
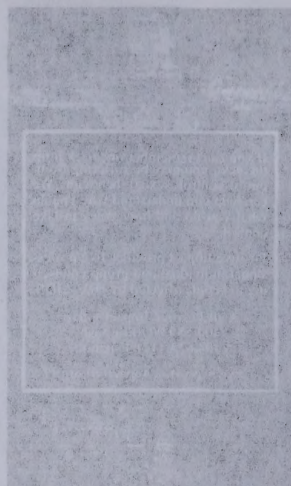
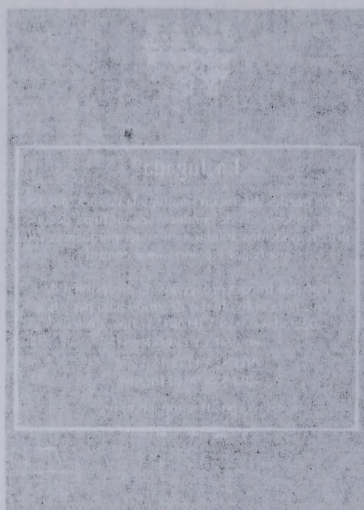
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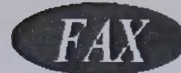
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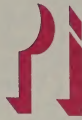
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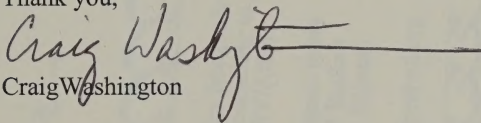


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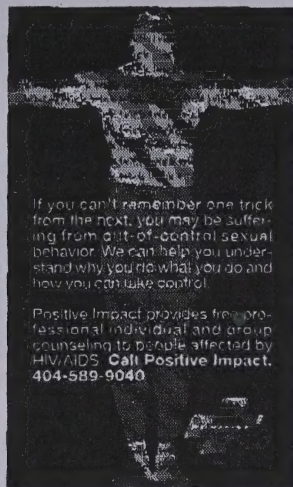
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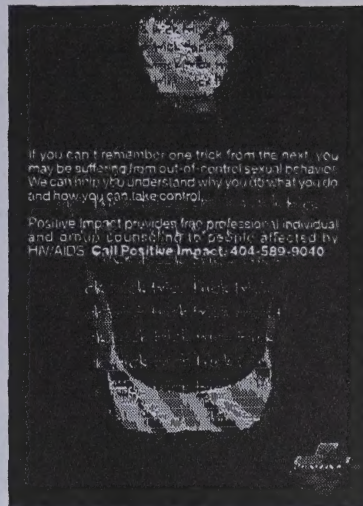
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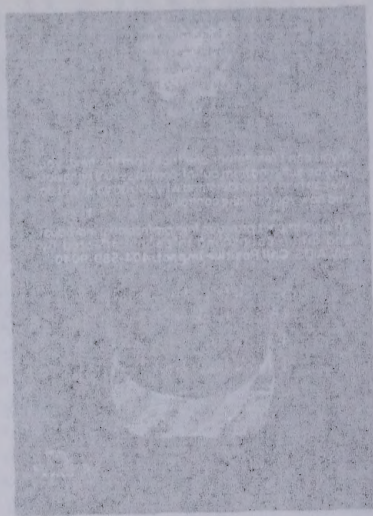
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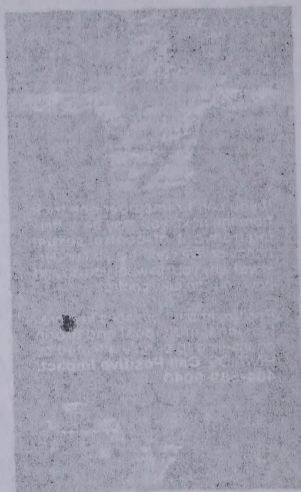
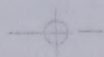
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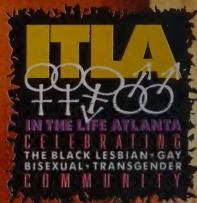
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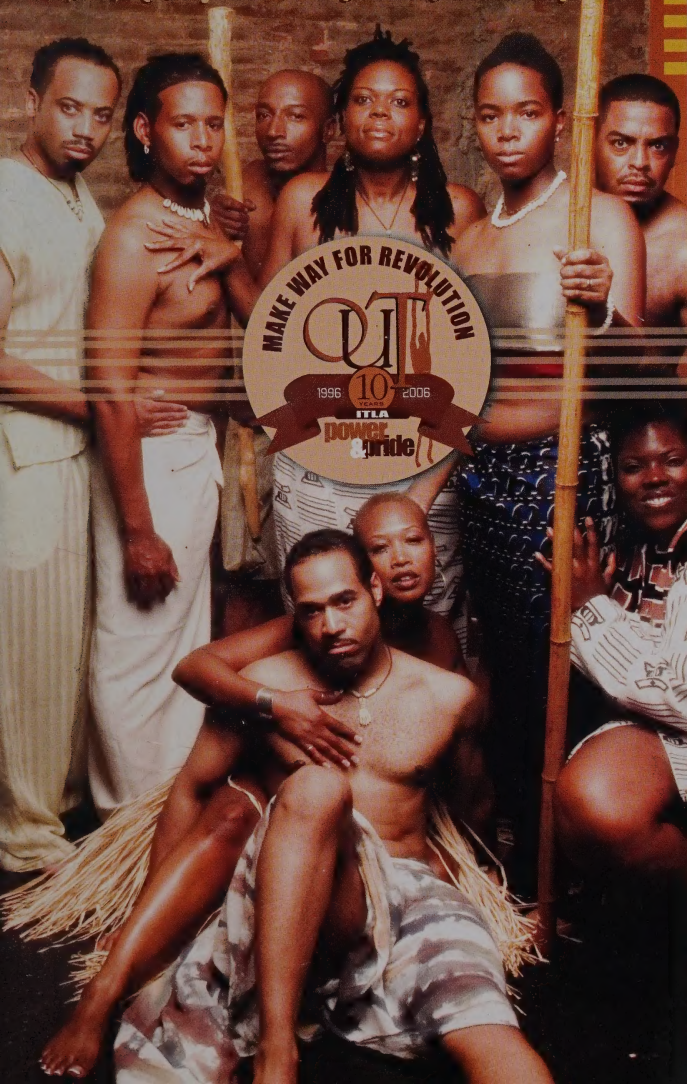
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What started as a simple annual gathering of friends celebrating friendship, family, and the end of a great summer, quickly grew to a national attraction. Atlanta's temperate weather, accessibility, and Southern Hospitality, made it an irresistible place to celebrate pride and close out the summer. Capitalizing on the growing popularity of this annual gathering of people from across the country, a group of community activist saw a need to give some official presence to the weekend.

A New Organization Produces Atlanta's Black Pride Celebration

Atlanta, Friday, April 5, 1996 – A coalition of community activist announced today the formation of a new organization, In The Life Atlanta (ITLA). ITLA will coordinate Atlanta's annual Labor Day Black Pride celebration in the African American Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender/Gay (Les/Bi/Trans/Gay) community Thursday, August 26, 1996 through Sunday, September 1, 1996.

The theme for the 1996 celebration is "Pride is Power." Currently, the following activities are being planned for the four day event:

- Welcome Reception
- Sunday Brunch
- Roundtable Discussion
- Cultural Showcase

"In The Life" is a self identifying term that has been used by the African American Les/Bi/Trans/Gay community since the Harlem Renaissance. The name "In The Life Atlanta" gives deserved respect to our ancestors; reclaims our past; promotes self empowerment through self definition; and promotes unity.

Ten years later, ITLA stands strong as the official organizer of the world's largest Les/Bi/Trans/Gay celebration for people of African descent. This year's them, **Make Way for Revolution: Power & Pride** echoes the history of Atlanta Black LGBT Pride and reaffirms ITLA's commitment to serving the interest of Atlanta's growing population of LGBT residents.

On behalf of In The Life Atlanta, the 2006 Planning Committee, the City of Atlanta, and the many organizations and promoters participating in this years celebration, we officially welcome you to Atlanta and the Ten Year Anniversary of In The Life Atlanta.

We are pleased that you are here to celebrate with us!

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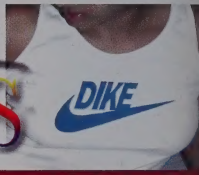




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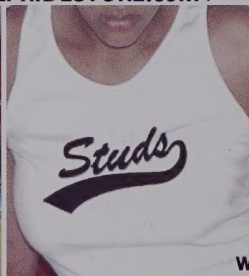
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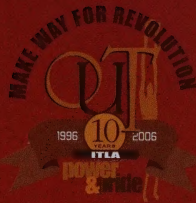
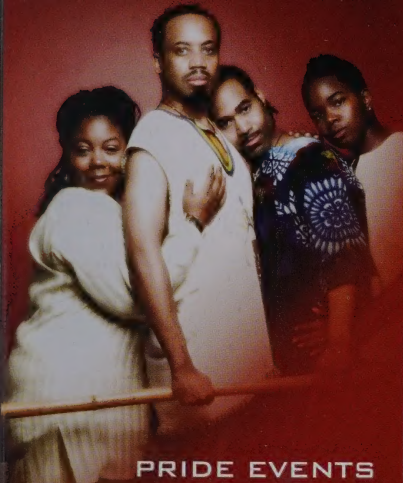
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Wednesday - August 30th, 2006

Registration Begins - 4:00PM Host Hotel
Narcotics Anonymous Meetings -
 12:00pm & 6:00pm Woodstock Room
Clubs & Parties

Thursday - August 31st, 2006

Narcotics Anonymous Meetings -
 12:00pm & 6:00pm Woodstock Room
Candlelight Vigil -
 Unity Fellowship Church | 2001 MLK Jr. Dr.
Clubs & Parties

Friday - September 1st, 2006

Black Pride Market Place -
 4:00pm to 11:00pm Ballroom South
Opening Ceremony & Official Welcome
 7:00pm to 9:00pm Host Hotel
SpeakFire! Erotic Open Mic -
 Midnight - Host Hotel Crown Room (Top Floor)
Narcotics Anonymous Meetings -
 12:00pm & 4:00pm Wood Stock Room
Clubs & Parties

Saturday - September 2nd, 2006

Black Pride Market Place -
 10:00am to 10:00pm Ballroom South
Taking Pride In Healthy Living Conference Day 1
Community Luncheon -
 11:30AM to 1:00PM Host Hotel Crown Room

Workshops - 1:00pm - 7:00pm (Rooms Vary)
Black LGBT Pride Health Expo -
 9:00am to 6:30pm Ballroom North
Narcotics Anonymous Meetings -
 12:00pm & 6:00pm Woodstock Room
Poetry Slam -
 8:00pm to 10:00pm Georgia Room
Play - Walk Like a Man by Laurinda D. Brown
 7:00pm Habersham Room
See Us In The Life Film Festival -
 1:00pm to 7:00pm Atlanta Room (Mall Level)
Peace Out South - Homo Hip Hop Festival
 10:00pm to 12:00AM Ballroom North
Youth Pride Back To School Dance
 8:00pm to 12:00am Crown Room (Top Floor)
Clubs & Parties

Sunday - September 3rd, 2006

Interfaith Worship Service - 11:00am to
 12:00pm Georgia Room (Ballroom Level)
Black Pride Market Place - 12:00pm to 9:00pm
 Ballroom South-Taking Pride in Healthy Living

Conference Day 2
Jazz Brunch 12:00pm to 2:00pm Ballroom North
Workshops 1:00pm to 7:00pm (Rooms Vary)
Narcotics Anonymous Meetings -
 10:00am & 6:00pm Woodstock Room
2006 Unity Picnic -
 Noon - 6:00pm Piedmont Park
Play - Walk Like a Man by Laurinda D. Brown
 3:00pm to 5:00pm Habersham Room
Literary Cafe -
 5:00pm to 7:00pm Georgia Room
TIL Presents: Our Family Feud -
 5:00pm to 7:00pm Sherwood Room
2nd Annual Living In Your Pride Fashion Show
 8:00pm to 10:00pm Ballroom North
Punany Poets -
 9:00pm Midnight Habersham Room
Clubs & Parties

Monday - September 4th, 2006

Stand Up And Represent Black Pride March
 Assemble at the MLK Center 10:30AM
Clubs & Parties

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FILM FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 2, 2006

1:00 pm

Standing - N - Truth

Tim Daniels, Director / Documentary / 9 minutes

Standing -N- Truth is a documentary that explores the fears and shame that many members of the African American community struggle with surrounding sex, sexuality and HIV/AIDS—it's an exploration of love of self, community, and freedom.



White Shadows

Mialyn Hanna, Director / Documentary / 72 minutes

White Shadows profiles Dalee Henderson, a famed celebrity hairstylist who is diagnosed with AIDS and must reconcile himself to the changes the disease affects upon his body and mind.



Saturday Short Series:

DL Chronicles, Episodes: Wes

Deondray Gossett & Quincy Lenear /

Drama / 30 minutes



Wes Thomas, an upwardly mobile real estate banker who is overwhelmed by the demands of his marriage, career, and closeted attraction to men. When Wes' sexy but ambivalent brother-in-law stops in for an unexpected stay, he is directly faced with temptation and ultimately falls for the forbidden fruit.

At 13

Dean Hamer, Director / Documentary

5 minutes



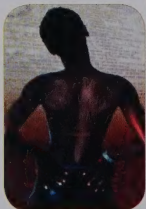
A young black spoken word artist laments the suicide of his best friend at age 13 and pledges to fight for justice and dignity for all.

Rape for Who I am

Louvinisa Kavuma, Director / Documentary

/ 27 minutes

Set in Johannesburg and its surrounding townships, the documentary interweaves four experiences of the prejudices and targeted rape of black lesbians, the strength and inspirational warmth of women who refuse to become victims.



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thursday 8.31

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friday 9.1

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saturday 9.2

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monday 9.4

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Rings

Justin Simien, Director / Drama / 12 minutes

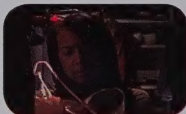
A wedding takes place in a rural town and draws the ire of the conservative townspeople who call the union 'abominable' but will an armed and brooding young man reach the wedding in time to do what even the raging protestors wouldn't dare?



Brooklyn's Bridge to Jordan

Tina Mabry, Director / Drama / 20 minutes

A woman must fight to rebuild her relationship with her deceased partner's estranged son.



Jumpin' the Broom

Debra A. Wilson, Director / Documentary / 28 minutes

Jumpin' the Broom gives a voice to same sex marriage in the African American community.



Opening Night Film: 5:45 pm

Pick Up The Mic

Alex Hinton, Director / Documentary / 95 minutes

Pick Up The Mic is a surprising, inspiring documentary on the fast-growing world of queer rappers and the community they've created.



7pm - (Atlanta Premier)

"Dirty Laundry" —Comedy / 95 mins.

Director —Maurice Jamal (USA, 2006)
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Dirty Laundry is a dramedy that follows a traditional small-town southern family, dealing with the secrets that are uncovered when the long-lost son (Rockmond Dunbar) suddenly returns home from a seemingly perfect life in New York. In the center of the conflict is the mother (Loretta Devine), who's own story holds as much drama and secrecy as her son's.

Sunday, September 3, 2006 - 2:00 pm

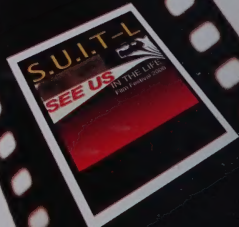
Keith & Greg

Ken Jackson, Director / Comedy / 65 minutes

Keith & Greg is a witty, romantic love story that blends a mix of unlikely characters into one endearing film and takes matchmaking and match-meddling to new heights.



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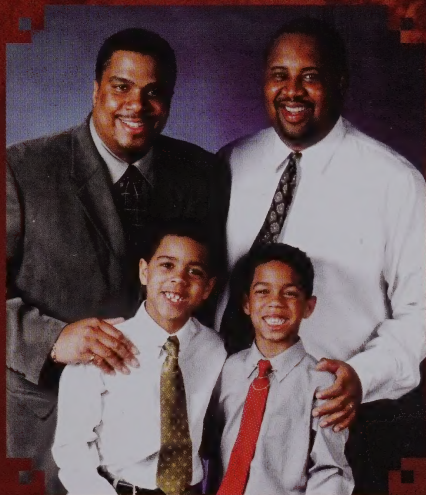
"Meet The Parents"

by Craig Washington

When you read the words, "family values" what first comes to your mind? Do you think of pathways and beliefs shared by biological kin or created families bound by love, affection and commitment? I didn't think so. And what would it take, to wash off the toxic spin that has given the phrase such a bitter aftertaste. Black LGBT and sgl people were raising children and sustaining families long before we had names for our "queerness". We must tell our stories. Stories like two Black men who meet, fall in love and lovingly raise their children in small southern towns like Grayson.

Mark Francois and Larry E. Williams are known to their two sons Malik, 9 and Takwon, 8 as Daddy and Dad. They know the significance of sharing their account with other Black gays who are dissuaded from parenting despite the disproportionate numbers of Black children who languish in foster care circuits. Mark and Larry had been together 10 years before Mark expressed his desire for the couple to have a child. They were both living in New York in 1991 when they met through the kind of gay dating service that the Net has rendered obsolete. "I was trying to meet professional executive men," says Mark, born in Trinidad and raised mostly in Queens, New York. Larry, a native New Yorker from Queens, had slightly more relaxed standards. "I was just trying to meet a man." In 1994, they relocated to Sandy Springs, GA where the real estate was a lot more affordable. They bought a home, established friendships and cultivated a comfortable life together. But Mark wanted something more.

"Since I was a child, I knew I would be a parent. I did not do this to be a role model. I did this because it was in me." But Larry was not there at first. "Life had been pretty good for us over the past 10 years. I thought, 'why do you want to add children to the mix?' " But when Mark stated his willingness to separate in order to realize his dream, Larry thought it was worth it to



Mark Francois is the lighter skinned brother. Larry E. Williams is the darker of the two. Malik Francois-Williams is the larger and Takwon Francois-Williams is the smaller of the two boys.

remain open to fatherhood.

Once they had agreed to parent, they had to choose the method. They considered insemination and having a friend of Mark to serve as birth mother. However they were uncomfortable about potential conflicts with the mother and Larry having no binding parental rights. Surrogacy at the time was cost prohibitive so adoption made the most sense for them. They turned to Families First, a family services organization, where they took the 10-week Model Approach to Parenting (MAP) class, a prerequisite for adoption. Since Georgia limits gay adoptions to single parents they had to look online outside the state to adopt as a couple. They met another couple Jeff and Greg in their MAP class and soon became close friends. When the four went out for dinner they

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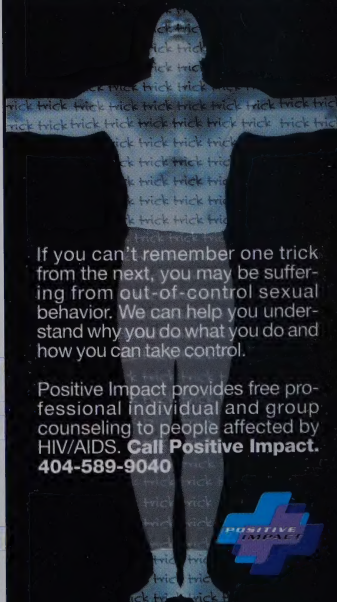
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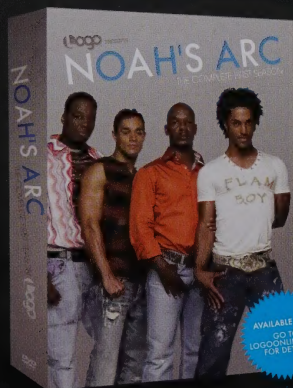
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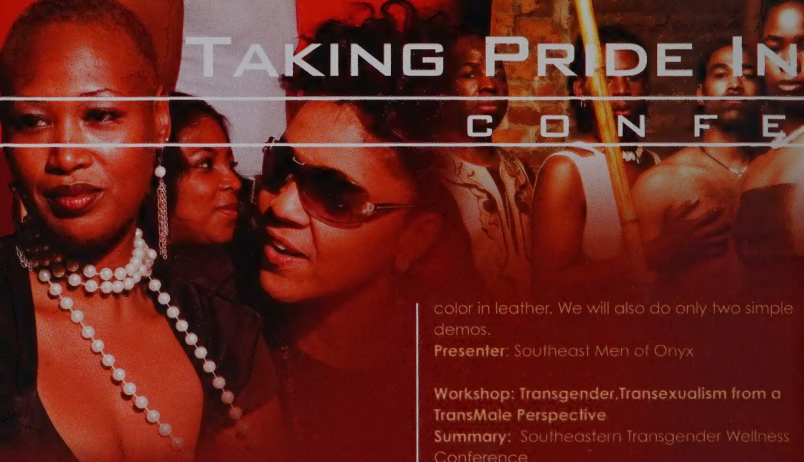
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TAKING PRIDE IN CONFERENCE

Saturday September 2nd 1-2:15pm

Workshop: The Rules of Engagement

Summary: If you've had enough of one-night stands, short-term love affairs, or Mr. Right-Now, then this is the workshop for you. This workshop is designed to help men and women develop a relationship resume of quality. Come and learn the secrets to a long-term love affair in the new millennium.

Presenter: Benn Setfrey

Workshop: Reconciling Your Sexual Orientation with Your Spirituality

Summary: All fear, doubt, self-hatred and self-condemnation cease when we realize that each of us, in the midst of who we are as LGBT individuals, were uniquely created for a divine purpose. Join us as we explore principles on how spiritual growth can lead to liberation in every area of your life.

Presenter: Bryan Edney

Workshop: James Baldwin: His Works, His Life

Summary: Writers Vincent Tolliver and Clarence Nero will lead a lively discussion on Baldwin's influence on religion, politics, and culture. Tolliver and Nero will explore the following question: Is James Baldwin relevant today?

Presenter: Vincent Tolliver

Workshop: BDSM 101

Summary: Our first seminar will be a general forum where people will get to learn about BDSM and Leather and learn some of the basic rules and regulations and the history of people of

color in leather. We will also do only two simple demos.

Presenter: Southeast Men of Onyx

Workshop: Transgender, Transsexualism from a TransMale Perspective

Summary: Southeastern Transgender Wellness Conference

Presenter: Bill Coghill

Workshop: Beyond Black and Christian

Summary: A panel discussion that will focus on 3 areas: A critique around how much power the Black community gives to Christianity, how does your faith deal with issues of homosexuality, what power does Christianity give to the Black community?

Presenter: Sandra Lawson

Saturday, September 2nd 2:30-3:45

Workshop: BDSM 201

Summary: We will do a brief recap of the first session, do some more demonstrations, and have more dialogue.

Presenter: Southeast Men of Onyx

Workshop: Creating Healing Through Addressing Aggression in Our Relationships

Summary: This workshop will identify areas of abuse/aggression in relationships and introduce interventions to contain these and foster intimacy through communication.

Presenter: Robert Mathis

Workshop: Struggling Against the Oppressions in the Black Same Gender Loving Community

Summary: How do we struggle against the oppressions in the African American Same Gender Loving Community? This workshop attempts to address this question. It holds up the Black Women's Club Movement, who combated race-gender-class oppression, as an example for moving from victimization to justice makers.

HEALTHY LIVING

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Presenter: Leevahn Smith

Workshop: Introduction to Polivisity - A Dating Alternative and lifestyle for Black Gay Men of Color

Summary: Exploring POLIVISITY- combines the word "Poly" (many or several), the word "inclusivity" (the state of including), and fidelity (faithful). Polivity is a "group" relationship in which all partners are primary to all other partners and sexual fidelity. Polivisity caters to the desires of those who like sexual variety, yet allows this to happen in the context of lasting, deep, meaningful relationships. Through a series of exercises, role-playing and conversation, participants will learn how Polivisity offers a number of obvious advantages over more traditional relationship and intimacy styles.

Presenter: Cleon T. Day, III

Workshop: Adopting as SGL parents

Summary: Are you considering adoption as a way of building your family? This workshop is intended for those who are considering adoption.

Presenter: Valerie Barlow

Workshop: "Brave Souls Ain't Down Low: Keeping it Real for Real in the Age of AIDS"

Summary: For several years now, Black America has been bombarded with media about the Down Low Phenomenon— creating a circus of attention on the lifestyles of black men who love men, though often without representation by those of who live their lives openly and without shame. Brave Soul Collective is a national collective of brothas celebrating the "up high"— the honoring, exhalation, and celebration of brave souls who are "out", visible, and gatekeepers in not just same gender loving communities, but in the Black community at large. This workshop is not about vilifying the "Down Low" but

questioning its romanticization and placement as a preferred way to be a black man who loves men (e.g., from personal ad profiles, to social networks). Brave Soul Collective makes it debut in Atlanta to help "Bring Light to the Truth." Are you ready to flip the switch?

Presenters: Tim'm West, Monte J. Wolfe, Erik Chambers

Workshop: Trans 101

Summary: Southeast Transgender Wellness Conference

Presenter: Earline Budd

4pm-5:15pm

Workshop: The Power of One

Summary: This workshop will explore the development of inclusive communities that honor, celebrate, and defend the humanity of everyone. We will explore how love is the binding force that demands and enables radical welcome and justice for all, following the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Dr. Cornell West, bell hooks, and various spiritual perspectives.

Presenters: Rev. Dr. Kathy Martin and Rev. T. Paul Graetz

Workshop: In the Raw: Men of Color Barebacking

Summary: Hedonistic pleasure or act of trust? Reckless behavior or responsible risk? Join us as we examine the multiple angles of this issue. Panel featuring: Ty Lattmire, Anthony Antoine, Malik Williams, and Kevin Bynes

Presenter: Craig Washington

Workshop: "But You Promised"...A Public Conversation

Summary: Workshop will focus on domestic violence (emotional & physical abuse) in lesbian relationships. We will begin by defining

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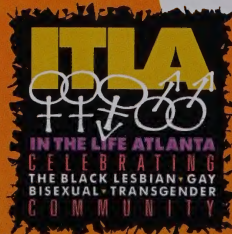
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Dean Hamer, Director / Documentary /

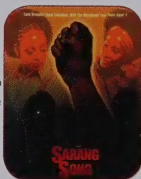
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A Baptist preacher's graphic sermon about lesbianism and anal sex stirs up a controversy in Washington DC.

Sarang Song

Timika Miller, Director / Fiction / 24 minutes



Sarang Song is a love story of two women who must make a choice between their love or the movement during the socially and politically turbulent times of the 1970s.

Dani & Alice

Roberta Munroe / Drama / 12 minutes



The last 5 hours of a relationship reveal both its love and its tragedy.

Walk in the Light

M. R. Stiff, Director / Documentary / 27 minutes



Walk in the Light explores the lives of people who yearn for a relationship with God but are turned away by the Christian church.

On The Low

Luther Mace, Director / Drama / 15 minutes



Two high school boys learn how complicated love can be.

Closing Night Film:

6:00 pm

How Do I Look



Wolfgang Busch, Director / Documentary / 80 minutes



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abusive relationships, pointing out significant differences between homosexual and heterosexual abusive relationships (factors influencing), discussing some options for "escaping" the relationship and how to start to heal afterwards.

Presenter: Kita Sims

Workshop: Transgender Panel Discussion: "TRANSPHOBIA" in The Black Gay Community
Summary: Southeastern Trans Wellness Conference

Presenter: Dee Dee Chamblee

5:30-6:45pm

Workshop: "F" What you Heard, This is Me, Love Me or Hate Me

Summary: An interactive workshop centered around college students accepting their sexuality and being comfortable in their skin, helping build confidence, and to promote high self-esteem. Participants will talk and get a better understanding about sexual discrimination/abuse on college campuses

Presenter: Damon Watson

Workshop: Narcotics Anonymous, A Road to Recovery

Summary: To inform the public that NA exists and offers recovery from the disease of addiction. We are a recovery organization whose members meet regularly to help each other stay clean from all drugs, including alcohol.

Presenter: Freddie Harris

Workshop: Locating US: Atlanta and LGBT Historical Preservation

Summary: Though gains have been made in documenting LGBT history over the last two decades, gaps still remain, especially at the local level, and more so with communities of color. This workshop addresses the role of archives as repositories of individual and cultural memory, thus history.

Presenter: Kerrie Cotton Williams and Wesley Chenault

Workshop: Creating winning storylines and getting the publishing deal of your dreams

Summary: A comprehensive workshop that examines plot, character, and other elements of fiction. While the second half of the workshop will take a look at publishing, including everything from writing solid query letters to getting an agent.

Presenter: Clearance Nero

Workshop: HIV/AIDS: Risk Reduction in Trans-Community

Summary: Southeastern Trans Wellness Conference

Presenter: Toni Collins-Quarterman

Sunday.....1pm-2:15pm

Workshop: Broken to Mended

Summary: This workshop is designed to reach out to those who have experience broken hearts, souls, minds, and relationships. Many have damaged emotions, broken hearts, minds with no peace; this brokenness deals with your souls, your minds, wills, and emotions. Although they have been broken in the past or even now, this workshop is for men to encourage each other with a round table discussion about situations that are causing us to be broken and how we can help each other to gain Wholeness.

Presenter: Terrance Tindall

Workshop: Homosexuality and the Black Church- A Journey to Healing

Summary: The workshop will examine how the historic black church has dealt with homosexuality. We will vector our focus toward creating a safe emotional space for LGBT Christians of color to embrace their faith.

Presenter: Franc Perry

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Workshop: Black, Gay, and Greek: The Challenges of LGBT Members of Black Fraternities and Sororities

Summary: We will discuss prominent gay members of fraternities and sororities, the potential blackballing of openly gay aspirants, ostracization of members who come out of the closet, and how to reconcile sexuality with brotherhood or sisterhood. We will also briefly touch on organizational stereotypes and how they affect the internal and public perception of homosexuals within the organizations.

Presenter: Rashid Darden

Workshop: Men, Sex, and Spirit pt. 1

Summary: There seems to be a consensus within the African American, Same Gender Loving community that love and relationships do not exist. More specifically, many black SGL men find it increasingly difficult to negotiate and incorporate sexuality with spirituality. This workshop will discuss issues related to Spirituality, Sexuality and a combination of the two. It explores the stereotypes within black SGL relationships. It seeks to challenge how we define our lives separate from heterosexual standards.

Presenter: Lee Henderson, Jaleel Humphrey, Billy Dixon

Workshop: No Fats? No Fems? Gay Men and Body Image

Summary: We see the signs everywhere, from the mostly muscled bodies in our magazines and promotional materials, to personal ads and online profiles. Are brothas just pursuing what they like? Or are they perpetuating discrimination in our communities? Can we not help the things that arouse us, even if it's the very thing that oppresses us? Are they engaged in sexual freedom? Or are they practicing "sexual apartheid?" Should we be striving for the "perfect" gym body, or should

we love ourselves and each other in all the shapes and sized we come in? These questions and more will be explored in this workshop.

Presenter: Ulester Douglass

2:30-3:45

Workshop: He's Gotta Have It!

Summary: Meet me at the Club...it's going down. Meet me at the mall it's going down. Meet me at the park, it's going down. Meet me at....? What happens when Adam4Adam, Men4Now, Piedmont Park, Underground, The Gyms and other options become a regular obsessive way for black gay men to find sex? Do we have control when and with whom we have sex? Come find out what's really going down!

Presenter: Jon Gabriel Ortiz

Workshop: The S.H.E. Experience: Journey to Becoming a Powerful Woman

Summary: Everyone needs a S.H.E. Experience. That's an experience of Self-acceptance, Honesty and Expression. The journey of a Powerful Woman has sharp curves and loops and twists. It's important to have an internal compass to help us find our way.

Presenter: Gwendolyn Thomas

Workshop: From Friendship to Relationship

Summary: Have you ever met someone in the club or out and about and wanted to get to know them but didn't know how to approach them? Do you ever wonder how you can just be friends with someone without having sex first? This workshop will walk an individual through the steps of how to develop a friendship that could evolve into a relationship.

Presenter: LaMont "Montee Jamal" Evans

Workshop: Transgender Law

Summary: Southeastern Trans Wellness Conference

Presenter: Jamie Roberts

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Workshop: Men, Sex, and Spirit pt. 2

Summary: There seems to be a consensus within the African American, Same Gender Loving community that love and relationships do not exist. More specifically, many black SGL men find it increasingly difficult to negotiate and incorporate sexuality with spirituality. This workshop will discuss issues related to Spirituality, Sexuality and a combination of the two. It explores the stereotypes within black SGL relationships. It seeks to challenge how we define our lives separate from heterosexual standards.

Presenters: Lee Henderson, Jaleel Humphrey, Billy Dixon

4pm-5:15pm

Workshop: Hip-Hop, Homophobia, and the Black Church

Summary: The panel's purpose is to engender public discourse on the Black Church's response to Hip-Hop and Homophobia

Presenter: Vincent Tolliver

Workshop: Life Strategic Planning

Summary: Join Montee as he provides a roadmap on how to develop a lifetime plan for those interested in getting more out of their life. Let Montee show you what works a keeping him successful, both personally and professionally.

Presenter: LaMont "Montee Jamal" Evans

Workshop: Can We Be Intimate Without Sex?

Summary: This workshop: "Can we be Intimate without SEX?" will explore the process of dating. We will discuss various definitions of relationships. We will have demonstrations of intimacy (hand holding, hugging and eye contact) share affirmations with each other, role play and some brief meditative exercises.

Presenter: Maurice Cook

5:30-6:45

Workshop: Veil of Secrecy: Shame, and Guilt Regarding HIV in the African-American Community

Summary: Combating the silence around the issues of those infected or affected with HIV/ Mental Health & Substance Abuse utilizing the Harm Reduction approach for individual impact among professional and non-traditional service providers in the African American community.

Presenter: Zina Age

Workshop: Healing Our Childhood Wounds

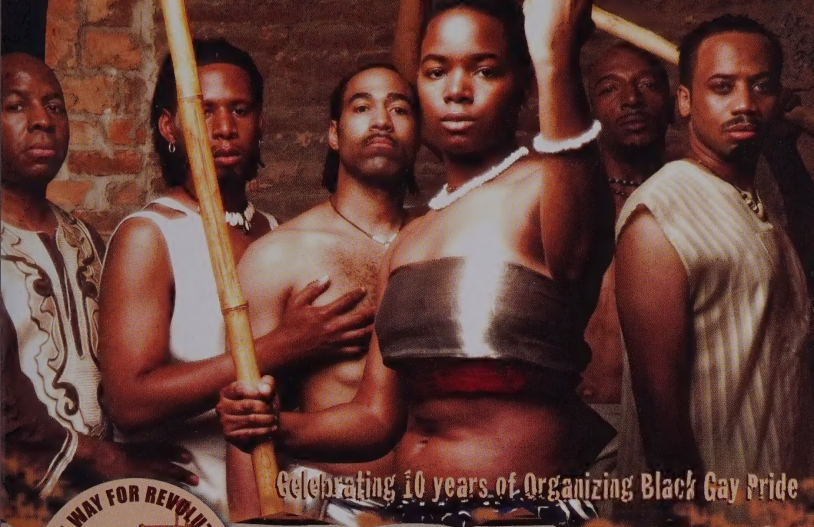
Summary : Join Montee as he demonstrates and shares his four-step process for resolving childhood wounds that affect us to this day... some would call it baggage. Let Montee help you unpack the baggage that holds you back from being the best you could ever be. This workshop is not for the faint at heart.

Presenter: LaMont "Montee Jamal" Evans

Workshop: OUR YOUTH: Building Beloved Community in a Transient World

Summary: This workshop will present an overview of local Trans & Allied efforts to integrate youth involvement among social struggles that effect the queer community; with emphasis on the importance of being a member of the Beloved Community. The presenters will explore the gender spectrum, offering resources that are currently defining the transgender movement; also the context of greater challenges among queer youth. A panel of trans & allied youth, and youth advocates will field questions from the audience.

Presenter: Sir Jesse & Clover



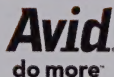
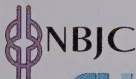
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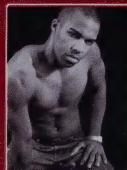
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typically chatted about the kids they sighted and discovered they were considering the same children.

It was Mark who found Malik and Takwon, two biracial brothers with different fathers, both Black, and a white mother. "They are beautiful kids," Larry beams. "I looked at them and noticed they are 4 and 5 years old and have not been adopted. What's wrong?" They learned that Malik as diagnosed as mildly retarded and both kids were deemed as functioning at relatively average levels. Their mother was alcoholic and both fathers had substance abuse problems and were abusive. They had been living with foster parents for the past 1 1/2 years in Connecticut which grants foster parents influence in the process of selecting the adoptive parents.

"Once the Flannagans found out we were gay they flipped out. They didn't want us to adopt the boys."

But the couple was discretely persistent. Essentially they wooed the Flannagans, both in their 60's, by sending them pictures that included their own families and making frequent phone calls. They even went out to Connecticut to visit the boys and eventually won the Flannagans' trust. They were approved in April 2002 and legally confirmed in November of that year.

When asked about the rewards of parenting, Larry and Mark immediately focus on the changes they have witnessed over the past four years. "Just to see them grow is mind-boggling", says Larry. "They used to be non-communicative, could not read or write. They were transformed through our care." Malik has undergone the

most dramatic growth. Given his diagnosis of ADHD and a severe learning disorder, they had low expectations of his potential. With the aid of several teachers and special attention, he managed to surprise both dads. "I took him bowling with me and he picked up a pamphlet which explained that by joining a certain league, he could receive his own bowling ball. One day we get a call for

Malik Francois-Williams. We found out that he had filled out and sent in the application on his own. This is a child who at one point could not write his own name. Now he's filling out forms!"

While the media often focuses on the legal and cultural hurdles faced by gay parents, Larry and Mark attest to the overwhelming support of a constellation of family and close friends. Both of their respective families play major roles in the lives of their children. They realize the importance of having the boys engage with women and girls so they

intentionally have them spend time with both their godmothers, Larry and Mark's mothers, sisters-in-law and other female kin. "When the boys had their first communion, we were told we had more folks representing our family and friends than any other members", Larry recalls. "We are blessed to have people who love us and love Malik and Ty."

In many ways Larry, a records manager at Verizon and Mark, who is pursuing a nursing



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career, fit the typical profile displayed on gay marriage and adoption campaign materials. They are middle class professional gays in a long term relationship with the accoutrements thereof: the nice home, the swimming pool, and regular trips to Disney. Due to the mobility each have experienced, together they have been able to provide for their kids in ways that own parents could not. Unlike most poster parents, they are both Black and they live outside of safe in-town enclaves like Grant Park and Virginia Highlands. They live in Grayson, the home of many southern Baptists with conservative attitudes. After successfully adopting, they thought about Decatur as a more hospitable neighborhood for their new family unit. But a close friend of Larry's encouraged them to stay their ground. "Meaghan challenged me. She

said 'you're going to let other people dictate how you raise your family? You've lived in Gwinnett county ever since you've been in Georgia.' They know who we are. They might not always like it but they respect us."

Earlier in the interview Larry mentioned that he has sent online missives to Oprah Winfrey urging her to do a show on gay parents. He believes that the hardened hearts of many heteros might be softened by exposure to the day-to-day lives of couples such as Mark and him. I asked him what he might say if he himself were allowed a chat with Oprah. "I would say 'look at the track record of all the gays and lesbians who are parenting. We are human beings all capable of nurturing and loving.' I would say 'there are so many kids out there who need homes and need to be loved.'"

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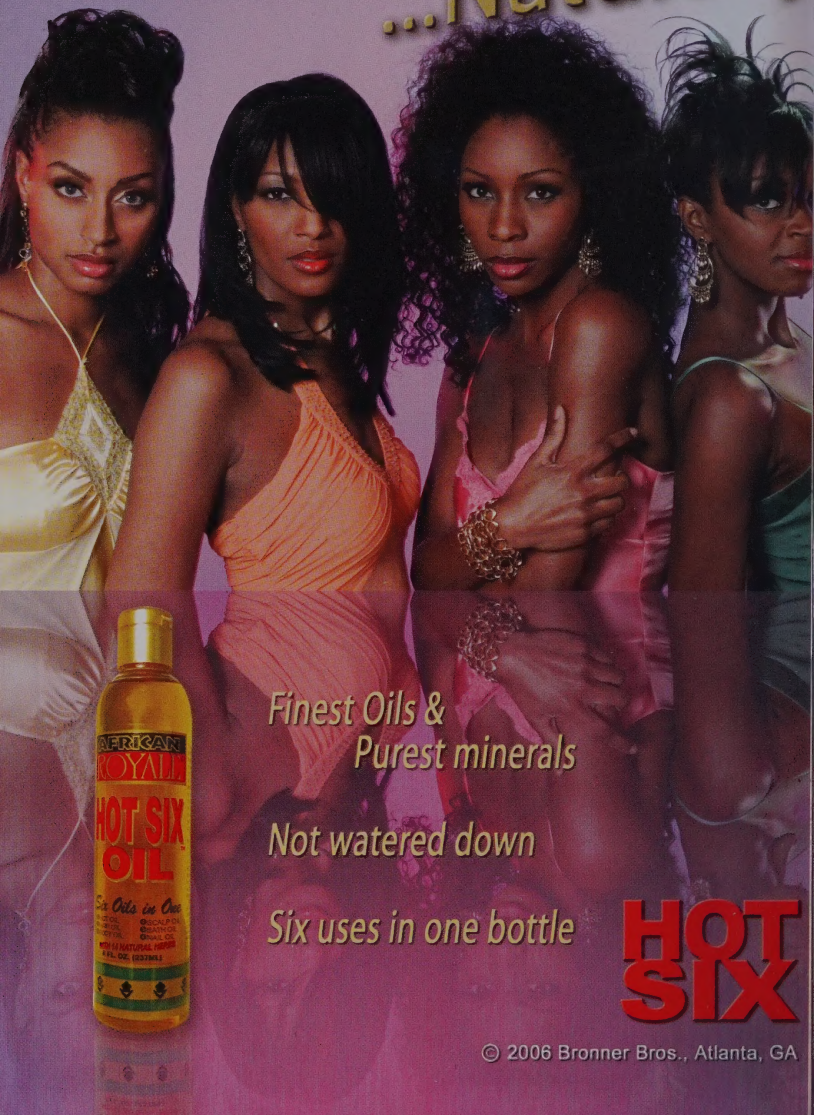
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A New Organization Produces Atlanta's Black Pride Celebration

Atlanta, Friday, April 5, 1996 – A coalition of community activist announced today the formation of a new organization, In The Life Atlanta (ITLA). ITLA will coordinate Atlanta's annual Labor Day Black Pride celebration in the African American Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender/Gay (Les/Bi/Trans/Gay) community Thursday, August 26, 1996 through Sunday, September 1, 1996.

The theme for the 1996 celebration is "Pride is Power." Currently, the following activities are being planned for the four day event:

- Welcome Reception
- Sunday Brunch
- Roundtable Discussion
- Cultural Showcase

"In The Life" is a self identifying term that has been used by the African American Les/Bi/Trans/Gay community since the Harlem Renaissance. The name "In The Life Atlanta" gives deserved respect to our ancestors; reclaims our past; promotes self empowerment through self definition; and promotes unity.

Ten years later, ITLA stands strong as the official organizer of the world's largest Les/Bi/Trans/Gay celebration for people of African descent. This year's them, **Make Way for Revolution: Power & Pride** echoes the history of Atlanta Black LGBT Pride and reaffirms ITLA's commitment to serving the interest of Atlanta's growing population of LGBT residents.

On behalf of In The Life Atlanta, the 2006 Planning Committee, the City of Atlanta, and the many organizations and promoters participating in this years celebration, we officially welcome you to Atlanta and the Ten Year Anniversary of In The Life Atlanta.

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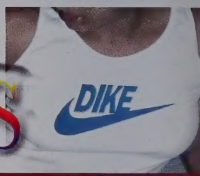




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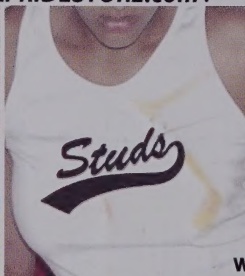
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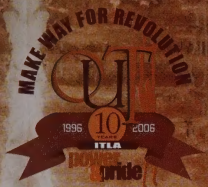
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Wednesday - August 30th, 2006

Registration Begins - 4:00PM Host Hotel
Narcotics Anonymous Meetings -
 12:00pm & 6:00pm Woodstock Room
Clubs & Parties

Thursday - August 31st, 2006

Narcotics Anonymous Meetings -
 12:00pm & 6:00pm Woodstock Room
Candlelight Vigil -
 Unity Fellowship Church | 2001 MLK Jr. Dr.
Clubs & Parties

Friday - September 1st, 2006

Black Pride Market Place -
 4:00pm to 11:00pm Ballroom South
Opening Ceremony & Official Welcome
 7:00pm to 9:00pm Host Hotel
SpeakFire! Erotic Open Mic -
 Midnight - Host Hotel Crown Room (Top Floor)
Narcotics Anonymous Meetings -
 12:00pm & 4:00pm Woodstock Room
Clubs & Parties

Saturday - September 2nd, 2006

Black Pride Market Place -
 10:00am to 10:00pm Ballroom South
Taking Pride In Healthy Living Conference Day 1
Community Luncheon -
 11:30AM to 1:00PM Host Hotel Crown Room

Workshops - 1:00pm - 7:00pm (Rooms Vary)
Black LGBT Pride Health Expo -
 9:00am to 6:30pm Ballroom North
Narcotics Anonymous Meetings -
 12:00pm & 6:00pm Woodstock Room
Poetry Slam -
 8:00pm to 10:00pm Georgia Room
Play - Walk Like a Man by Laurinda D. Brown
 7:00pm Habersham Room
See Us In The Life Film Festival -
 1:00pm to 7:00pm Atlanta Room (Mall Level)
Peace Out South - Homo Hip Hop Festival
 10:00pm to 12:00AM Ballroom North
Youth Pride Back To School Dance
 8:00pm to 12:00am Crown Room (Top Floor)
Clubs & Parties

Sunday - September 3rd, 2006

Interfaith Worship Service - 11:00am to
 12:00pm Georgia Room (Ballroom Level)
Black Pride Market Place - 12:00pm to 9:00pm
 Ballroom South-Taking Pride in Healthy Living

Conference Day 2

Jazz Brunch 12:00pm to 2:00pm Ballroom North
Workshops 1:00pm to 7:00pm (Rooms Vary)
Narcotics Anonymous Meetings -
 10:00am & 6:00pm Woodstock Room
2006 Unity Picnic -
 Noon - 6:00pm Piedmont Park
Play - Walk Like a Man by Laurinda D. Brown
 3:00pm to 5:00pm Habersham Room
Literary Cafe -
 5:00pm to 7:00pm Georgia Room
TIL Presents: Our Family Feud -
 5:00pm to 7:00pm Sherwood Room
2nd Annual Living In Your Pride Fashion Show
 8:00pm to 10:00pm Ballroom North
Punany Poets -
 9:00pm Midnight Habersham Room
Clubs & Parties

Monday - September 4th, 2006

Stand Up And Represent Black Pride March
 Assemble at the MLK Center 10:30AM
Clubs & Parties

● ● ● August 30 - September 4 2006

FILM FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 2, 2006

1:00 pm

Standing - N - Truth

Tim Daniels, Director / Documentary / 9 minutes

Standing -N- Truth is a documentary that explores the fears and shame that many members of the African American community struggle with surrounding sex, sexuality and HIV/AIDS—it's an exploration of love of self, community, and freedom.



White Shadows

Mialyn Hanna, Director / Documentary / 72 minutes

White Shadows profiles Dalee Henderson, a famed celebrity hairstylist who is diagnosed with AIDS and must reconcile himself to the changes the disease affects upon his body and mind.



Saturday Short Series:

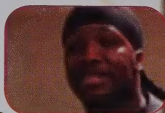
DL Chronicles, Episodes: Wes
Deondray Gossett & Quincy Lenear /
Drama / 30 minutes



Wes Thomas, an upwardly mobile real estate banker who is overwhelmed by the demands of his marriage, career, and closeted attraction to men. When Wes' sexy but ambivalent brother-in-law stops in for an unexpected stay, he is directly faced with temptation and ultimately falls for the forbidden fruit.

At 13

Dean Hamer, Director / Documentary
5 minutes

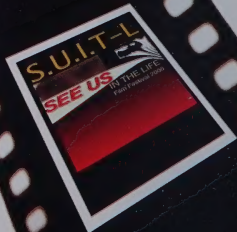
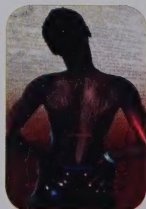


A young black spoken word artist laments the suicide of his best friend at age 13 and pledges to fight for justice and dignity for all.

Rape for Who I am

Louvinisa Kavuma, Director / Documentary
/ 27 minutes

Set in Johannesburg and its surrounding townships, the documentary interweaves four experiences of the prejudices and targeted rape of black lesbians, the strength and inspirational warmth of women who refuse to become victims.



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ATLANTA BLACK GAY PRIDE

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thursday 8.31

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friday 9.1

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saturday 9.2

climax

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monday 9.4

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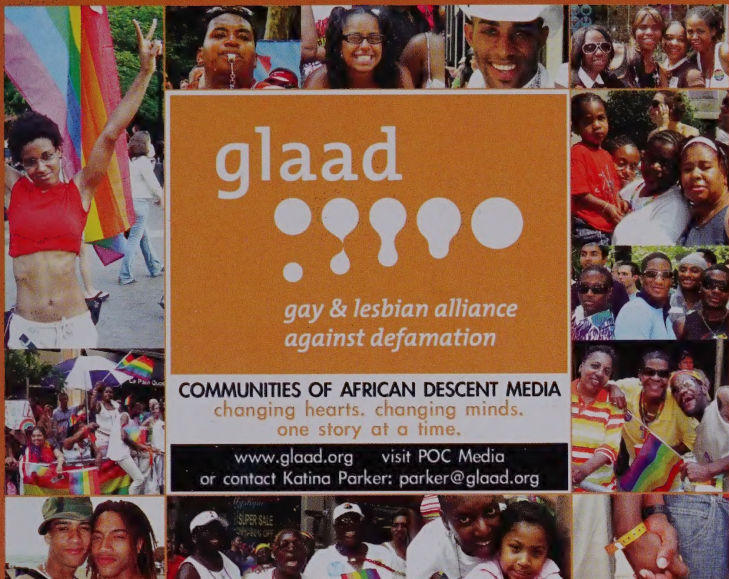
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Justin Simien, Director / Drama / 12 minutes

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Brooklyn's Bridge to Jordan

Tina Mabry, Director / Drama / 20 minutes

A woman must fight to rebuild her relationship with her deceased partner's estranged son.



Jumpin' the Broom

Debra A. Wilson, Director / Documentary / 28 minutes

Jumpin' the Broom gives a voice to same sex marriage in the African American community.



Opening Night Film: 5:45 pm

Pick Up The Mic

Alex Hinton, Director / Documentary / 95 minutes

Pick Up The Mic is a surprising, inspiring documentary on the fast-growing world of queer rappers and the community they've created.



7pm - (Atlanta Premier)

"Dirty Laundry" -Comedy / 95 mins.

Director -Maurice Jamal (USA, 2006)
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Dirty Laundry is a dramedy that follows a traditional small-town southern family, dealing with the secrets that are uncovered when the long-lost son (Rockmond Dunbar) suddenly returns home from a seemingly perfect life in New York. In the center of the conflict is the mother (Loretta Devine), who's own story holds as much drama and secrecy as her son's.

Sunday, September 3, 2006 - 2:00 pm

Keith & Greg

Ken Jackson, Director / Comedy / 65 minutes

Keith & Greg is a witty, romantic love story that blends a mix of unlikely characters into one endearing film and takes matchmaking and match-meddling to new heights.



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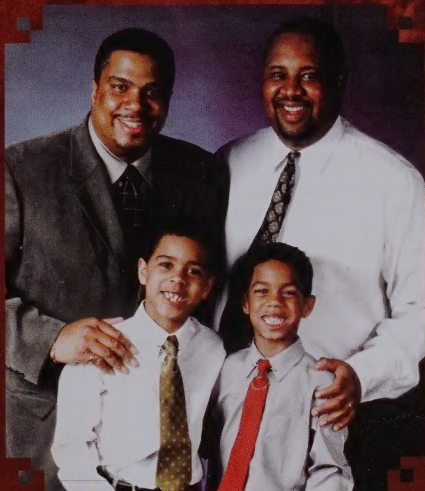
"Meet The Parents"

by Craig Washington

When you read the words, "family values" what first comes to your mind? Do you think of pathways and beliefs shared by biological kin or created families bound by love, affection and commitment? I didn't think so. And what would it take to wash off the toxic spin that has given the phrase such a bitter aftertaste. Black LGBT and sgl people were raising children and sustaining families long before we had names for our "queerness". We must tell our stories. Stories like two Black men who meet, fall in love and lovingly raise their children in small southern towns like Grayson.

Mark Francois and Larry E. Williams are known to their two sons Malik, 9 and Takwon, 8 as Daddy and Dad. They know the significance of sharing their account with other Black gays who are dissuaded from parenting despite the disproportionate numbers of Black children who languish in foster care circuits. Mark and Larry had been together 10 years before Mark expressed his desire for the couple to have a child. They were both living in New York in 1991 when they met through the kind of gay dating service that the Net has rendered obsolete. "I was trying to meet professional executive men," says Mark, born in Trinidad and raised mostly in Queens, New York. Larry, a native New Yorker from Queens, had slightly more relaxed standards. "I was just trying to meet a man." In 1994, they relocated to Sandy Springs, GA where the real estate was a lot more affordable. They bought a home, established friendships and cultivated a comfortable life together. But Mark wanted something more.

"Since I was a child, I knew I would be a parent. I did not do this to be a role model. I did this because it was in me." But Larry was not there at first. "Life had been pretty good for us over the past 10 years. I thought, 'why do you want to add children to the mix?' " But when Mark stated his willingness to separate in order to realize his dream, Larry thought it was worth it to



Mark Francois is the lighter skinned brother. Larry E. Williams is the darker of the two. Malik Francois-Williams is the larger and Takwon Francois-Williams is the smaller of the two boys.

remain open to fatherhood.

Once they had agreed to parent, they had to choose the method. They considered insemination and having a friend of Mark to serve as birth mother. However they were uncomfortable about potential conflicts with the mother and Larry having no binding parental rights. Surrogacy at the time was cost prohibitive so adoption made the most sense for them. They turned to Families First, a family services organization, where they took the 10-week Model Approach to Parenting (MAP) class, a prerequisite for adoption. Since Georgia limits gay adoptions to single parents they had to look online outside the state to adopt as a couple. They met another couple Jeff and Greg in their MAP class and soon became close friends. When the four went out for dinner they

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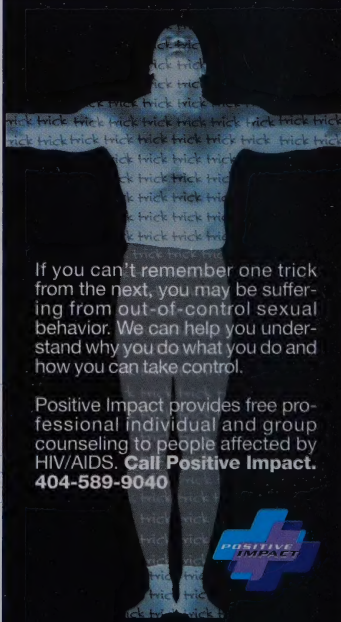
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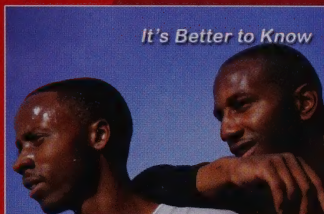
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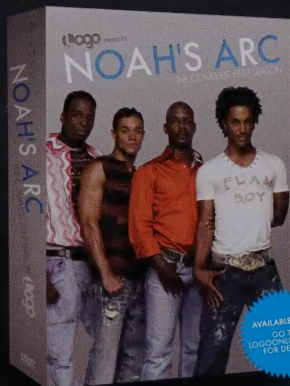
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TAKING PRIDE IN CONFERENCE

Saturday September 2nd 1-2:15pm

Workshop: The Rules of Engagement

Summary: If you've had enough of one-night stands, short-term love affairs, or Mr. Right-Now, then this is the workshop for you. This workshop is designed to help men and women develop a relationship resume of quality. Come and learn the secrets to a long-term love affair in the new millennium.

Presenter: Benn Setfrey

Workshop: Reconciling Your Sexual Orientation with Your Spirituality

Summary: All fear, doubt, self-hatred and self-condemnation cease when we realize that each of us, in the midst of who we are as LGBT individuals, were uniquely created for a divine purpose. Join us as we explore principles on how spiritual growth can lead to liberation in every area of your life.

Presenter: Bryan Edney

Workshop: James Baldwin: His Works, His Life

Summary: Writers Vincent Tolliver and Clarence Nero will lead a lively discussion on Baldwin's influence on religion, politics, and culture. Tolliver and Nero will explore the following question: Is James Baldwin relevant today?

Presenter: Vincent Tolliver

Workshop: BDSM 101

Summary: Our first seminar will be a general forum where people will get to learn about BDSM and Leather and learn some of the basic rules and regulations and the history of people of

color in leather. We will also do only two simple demos.

Presenter: Southeast Men of Onyx

Workshop: Transgender, Transsexualism from a TransMale Perspective

Summary: Southeastern Transgender Wellness Conference

Presenter: Bill Coghill

Workshop: Beyond Black and Christian

Summary: A panel discussion that will focus on 3 areas: A critique around how much power the Black community gives to Christianity, how does your faith deal with issues of homosexuality, what power does Christianity give to the Black community?

Presenter: Sandra Lawson

Saturday, September 2nd 2:30-3:45

Workshop: BDSM 201

Summary: We will do a brief recap of the first session, do some more demonstrations, and have more dialogue.

Presenter: Southeast Men of Onyx

Workshop: Creating Healing Through Addressing Aggression in Our Relationships

Summary: This workshop will identify areas of abuse/aggression in relationships and introduce interventions to contain these and foster intimacy through communication.

Presenter: Robert Mathis

Workshop: Struggling Against the Oppressions in the Black Same Gender Loving Community

Summary: How do we struggle against the oppressions in the African American Same Gender Loving Community? This workshop attempts to address this question. It holds up the Black Women's Club Movement, who combated race-gender-class oppression, as an example for moving from victimization to justice makers.

HEALTHY LIVING

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Presenter: Leevahn Smith

Workshop: Introduction to Polivisity - A Dating Alternative and lifestyle for Black Gay Men of Color

Summary: Exploring *POLIVISITY*- combines the word "Poly" (many or several), the word "inclusivity" (the state of including), and fidelity (faithful). Polivisity is a "group" relationship in which all partners are primary to all other partners and sexual fidelity. Polivisity caters to the desires of those who like sexual variety, yet allows this to happen in the context of lasting, deep, meaningful relationships. Through a series of exercises, role-playing and conversation, participants will learn how Polivisity offers a number of obvious advantages over more traditional relationship and intimacy styles.

Presenter: Cleon T. Day, III

Workshop: Adopting as SGL parents

Summary: Are you considering adoption as a way of building your family? This workshop is intended for those who are considering adoption.

Presenter: Valerie Barlow

Workshop: "Brave Souls Ain't Down Low: Keeping it Real for Real in the Age of AIDS"

Summary: For several years now, Black America has been bombarded with media about the Down Low Phenomenon-- creating a circus of attention on the lifestyles of black men who love men, though often without representation by those of who live their lives openly and without shame. Brave Soul Collective is a national collective of brothers celebrating the "up high"-- the honoring, exaltation, and celebration of brave souls who are "out", visible, and gatekeepers in not just same gender loving communities, but in the Black community at large. This workshop is not about vilifying the "Down Low" but

questioning its romanticization and placement as a preferred way to be a black man who loves men (e.g., from personal ad profiles, to social networks). Brave Soul Collective makes it debut in Atlanta to help "Bring Light to the Truth." Are you ready to flip the switch?

Presenters: Tim'm West, Monte J. Wolfe, Erik Chambers

Workshop: Trans 101

Summary: Southeast Transgender Wellness Conference

Presenter: Earline Budd

4pm-5:15pm

Workshop: The Power of One

Summary: This workshop will explore the development of inclusive communities that honor, celebrate, and defend the humanity of everyone. We will explore how love is the binding force that demands and enables radical welcome and justice for all, following the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Dr. Cornell West, bell hooks, and various spiritual perspectives.

Presenters: Rev. Dr. Kathy Martin and Rev. T. Paul Graetz

Workshop: In the Raw: Men of Color Barebacking

Summary: Hedonistic pleasure or act of trust? Reckless behavior or responsible risk? Join us as we examine the multiple angles of this issue. Panel featuring: Ty Latmire, Anthony Antoine, Malik Williams, and Kevin Bynes

Presenter: Craig Washington

Workshop: "But You Promised"...A Public Conversation

Summary: Workshop will focus on domestic violence (emotional & physical abuse) in lesbian relationships. We will begin by defining

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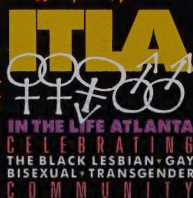
**MEN SPEAK: DISCUSSING HEALTHY CHOICES AROUND
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Sunday Short Series: - 3:30 pm

DL Chronicles, Episode: Robert

Deondray Gossett & Quincy Lenear / Drama / 30 minutes

A romantic dramedy which introduces us to Robert Hall, a closeted talent agent who falls for a hot health food store manager, 20 years his junior. What Robert fails to share is that there is a very special lady in his life. When Robert's new lover grows suspicious about his many secrets, a game of cat and mouse ensues amongst a humorous love triangle, with a surprising twist of events.



It Ain't Natural

Dean Hamer, Director / Documentary /

5 minutes

A Baptist preacher's graphic sermon about lesbianism and anal sex stirs up a controversy in Washington DC.



Sarang Song

Timika Miller, Director / Fiction / 24 minutes

Sarang Song is a love story of two women who must make a choice between their love or the movement during the socially and politically turbulent times of the 1970s.



Dani & Alice

Roberta Munroe / Drama / 12 minutes

The last 5 hours of a relationship reveal both its love and its tragedy.



Walk in the Light

M. R. Stiff, Director / Documentary / 27 minutes

Walk in the Light explores the lives of people who yearn for a relationship with God but are turned away by the Christian church.



On The Low

Luther Mace, Director / Drama / 15 minutes

Two high school boys learn how complicated love can be.



Closing Night Film:

6:00 pm

How Do I Look

Wolfgang Busch, Director / Documentary / 80 minutes





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abusive relationships, pointing out significant differences between homosexual and heterosexual abusive relationships (factors influencing), discussing some options for "escaping" the relationship and how to start to heal afterwards.

Presenter: Kito Sims

Workshop: Transgender Panel Discussion: "TRANSPHOBIA" in The Black Gay Community

Summary: Southeastern Trans Wellness Conference

Presenter: Dee Dee Chamblee

5:30-6:45pm

Workshop: "F" What you Heard, This is Me, Love Me or Hate Me

Summary: An interactive workshop centered around college students accepting their sexuality and being comfortable in their skin, helping build confidence, and to promote high self-esteem. Participants will talk and get a better understanding about sexual discrimination/abuse on college campuses

Presenter: Damon Watson

Workshop: Narcotics Anonymous, A Road to Recovery

Summary: To inform the public that NA exists and offers recovery from the disease of addiction. We are a recovery organization whose members meet regularly to help each other stay clean from all drugs, including alcohol.

Presenter: Freddie Harris

Workshop: Locating US: Atlanta and LGBT Historical Preservation

Summary: Though gains have been made in documenting LGBT history over the last two decades, gaps still remain, especially at the local level, and more so with communities of color. This workshop addresses the role of archives as repositories of individual and cultural memory, thus history.

Presenter: Kerrie Cotton Williams and Wesley Chenault

Workshop: Creating winning storylines and getting the publishing deal of your dreams

Summary: A comprehensive workshop that examines plot, character, and other elements of fiction. While the second half of the workshop will take a look at publishing, including everything from writing solid query letters to getting an agent.

Presenter: Clearance Nero

Workshop: HIV/AIDS: Risk Reduction in Trans-Community

Summary: Southeastern Trans Wellness Conference

Presenter: Toni Collins-Quarterman

Sunday.....1pm-2:15pm

Workshop: Broken to Mended

Summary: This workshop is designed to reach out to those who have experience broken hearts, souls, minds, and relationships. Many have damaged emotions, broken hearts, minds with no peace; this brokenness deals with your souls, your minds, wills, and emotions. Although they have been broken in the past or even now, this workshop is for men to encourage each other with a round table discussion about situations that are causing us to be broken and how we can help each other to gain Wholeness.

Presenter: Terrance Tindall

Workshop: Homosexuality and the Black Church- A Journey to Healing

Summary: The workshop will examine how the historic black church has dealt with homosexuality. We will vector our focus toward creating a safe emotional space for LGBT christians of color to embrace their faith.

Presenter: Franc Perry

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Workshop: Black, Gay, and Greek: The Challenges of LGBT Members of Black Fraternities and Sororities

Summary: We will discuss prominent gay members of fraternities and sororities, the potential blackballing of openly gay aspirants, ostracization of members who come out of the closet, and how to reconcile sexuality with brotherhood or sisterhood. We will also briefly touch on organizational stereotypes and how they affect the internal and public perception of homosexuals within the organizations.

Presenter: Rashid Darden

Workshop: Men, Sex, and Spirit pt. 1

Summary: There seems to be a consensus within the African American, Same Gender Loving community that love and relationships do not exist. More specifically, many black SGL men find it increasingly difficult to negotiate and incorporate sexuality with spirituality. This workshop will discuss issues related to Spirituality, Sexuality and a combination of the two. It explores the stereotypes within black SGL relationships. It seeks to challenge how we define our lives separate from heterosexual standards

Presenter: Lee Henderson, Jaleel Humphrey, Billy Dixon

Workshop: No Fats? No Fems? Gay Men and Body Image

Summary: We see the signs everywhere, from the mostly muscled bodies in our magazines and promotional materials, to personal ads and online profiles. Are brothas just pursuing what they like? Or are they perpetuating discrimination in our communities? Can we not help the things that arouse us, even if it's the very thing that oppresses us? Are they engaged in sexual freedom? Or are they practicing "sexual apartheid?" Should we be striving for the "perfect" gym body, or should

we love ourselves and each other in all the shapes and sized we come in? These questions and more will be explored in this workshop.

Presenter: Ulester Douglass

2:30-3:45

Workshop: He's Gotta Have It!

Summary: Meet me at the Club...it's going down. Meet me at the mall it's going down. Meet me at the park, it's going down. Meet me at...? What happens when Adam4Adam, Men4Now, Piedmont Park, Underground, The Gyms and other options become a regular obsessive way for black gay men to find sex? Do we have control when and with whom we have sex? Come find out what's really going down!

Presenter: Jon Gabriel Ortiz

Workshop: The S.H.E. Experience: Journey to Becoming a Powerful Woman

Summary: Everyone needs a S.H.E. Experience. That's an experience of Self-acceptance, Honesty and Expression. The journey of a Powerful Woman has sharp curves and loops and twists. It's important to have an internal compass to help us find our way.

Presenter: Gwendolyn Thomas

Workshop: From Friendship to Relationship

Summary: Have you ever met someone in the club or out and about and wanted to get to know them but didn't know how to approach them? Do you ever wonder how you can just be friends with someone without having sex first? This workshop will walk an individual through the steps of how to develop a friendship that could evolve into a relationship.

Presenter: LaMont "Montee Jamal" Evans

Workshop: Transgender Law

Summary: Southeastern Trans Wellness Conference

Presenter: Jamie Roberts

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Workshop: Men, Sex, and Spirit pt. 2

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Presenters: Lee Henderson, Jaleel Humphrey, Billy Dixon

4pm-5:15pm

Workshop: Hip-Hop, Homophobia, and the Black Church

Summary: The panel's purpose is to engender public discourse on the Black Church's response to Hip-Hop and Homophobia

Presenter: Vincent Tolliver

Workshop: Life Strategic Planning

Summary: Join Montee as he provides a roadmap on how to develop a lifetime plan for those interested in getting more out of their life. Let Montee show you what works at keeping him successful, both personally and professionally.

Presenter: LaMont "Montee Jamal" Evans

Workshop: Can We Be Intimate Without Sex?

Summary: This workshop: "Can we be intimate without SEX?" will explore the process of dating. We will discuss various definitions of relationships. We will have demonstrations of intimacy (hand holding, hugging and eye contact) share affirmations with each other, role play and some brief meditative exercises.

Presenter: Maurice Cook

5:30-6:45

Workshop: Veil of Secrecy: Shame, and Guilt Regarding HIV in the African-American Community

Summary: Combating the silence around the issues of those infected or affected with HIV/ Mental Health & Substance Abuse utilizing the Harm Reduction approach for individual impact among professional and non-traditional service providers in the African American community.

Presenter: Zina Age

Workshop: Healing Our Childhood Wounds

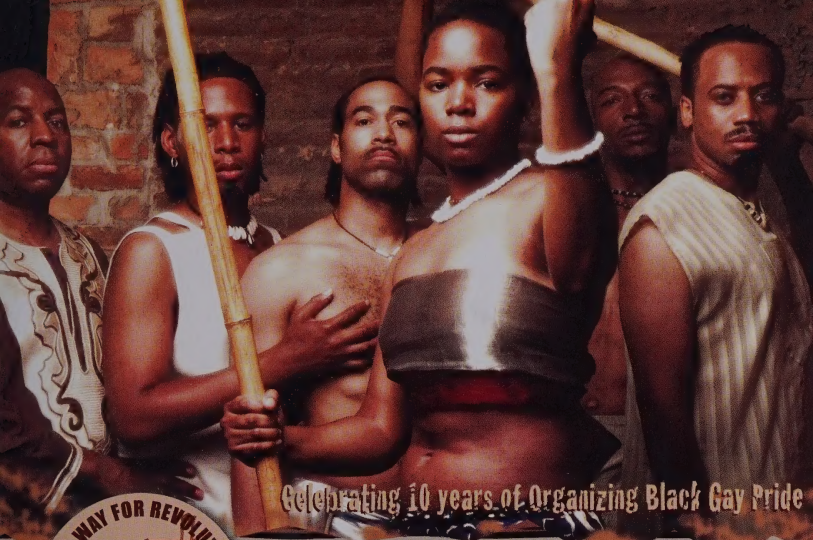
Summary : Join Montee as he demonstrates and shares his four-step process for resolving childhood wounds that affect us to this day... some would call it baggage. Let Montee help you unpack the baggage that holds you back from being the best you could ever be. This workshop is not for the faint at heart.

Presenter: LaMont "Montee Jamal" Evans

Workshop: OUR YOUTH: Building Beloved Community in a Transient World

Summary: This workshop will present an overview of local Trans & Allied efforts to integrate youth involvement among social struggles that effect the queer community; with emphasis on the importance of being a member of the Beloved Community. The presenters will explore the gender spectrum, offering resources that are currently defining the transgender movement; also the context of greater challenges among queer youth. A panel of trans & allied youth, and youth advocates will field questions from the audience.

Presenter: Sir Jesse & Clover



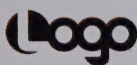
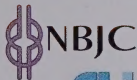
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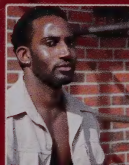
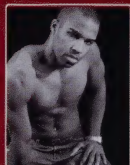
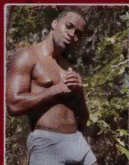
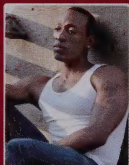
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typically chatted about the kids they sighted and discovered they were considering the same children.

It was Mark who found Malik and Takwon, two biracial brothers with different fathers, both Black, and a white mother. "They are beautiful kids," Larry beams. "I looked at them and noticed they are 4 and 5 years old and have not been adopted. What's wrong?" They learned that Malik as diagnosed as mildly retarded and both kids were deemed as functioning at relatively average levels. Their mother was alcoholic and both fathers had substance abuse problems and were abusive. They had been living with foster parents for the past 1 1/2 years in Connecticut which grants foster parents influence in the process of selecting the adoptive parents.

"Once the Flannagans found out we were gay they flipped out. They didn't want us to adopt the boys."

But the couple was discretely persistent. Essentially they wooed the Flannagans, both in their 60's, by sending them pictures that included their own families and making frequent phone calls. They even went out to Connecticut to visit the boys and eventually won the Flannagans' trust. They were approved in April 2002 and legally confirmed in November of that year.

When asked about the rewards of parenting, Larry and Mark immediately focus on the changes they have witnessed over the past four years. "Just to see them grow is mind-boggling", says Larry. "They used to be non-communicative, could not read or write. They were transformed through our care." Malik has undergone the

most dramatic growth. Given his diagnosis of ADHD and a severe learning disorder, they had low expectations of his potential. With the aid of several teachers and special attention, he managed to surprise both dads. "I took him bowling with me and he picked up a pamphlet which explained that by joining a certain league, he could receive his own bowling ball. One day we get a call for

Malik Francois-Williams. We found out that he had filled out and sent in the application on his own. This is a child who at one point could not write his own name. Now he's filling out forms!"

While the media often focuses on the legal and cultural hurdles faced by gay parents, Larry and Mark attest to the overwhelming support of a constellation of family and close friends. Both of their respective families play major roles in the lives of their children. They realize the importance of having the boys engage with women and girls so they

intentionally have them spend time with both their godmothers, Larry and Mark's mothers, sisters-in-law and other female kin. "When the boys had their first communion, we were told we had more folks representing our family and friends than any other members", Larry recalls. "We are blessed to have people who love us and love Malik and Ty."

In many ways Larry, a records manager at Verizon and Mark, who is pursuing a nursing



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career, fit the typical profile displayed on gay marriage and adoption campaign materials. They are middle class professional gays in a long term relationship with the accoutrements thereof: the nice home, the swimming pool, and regular trips to Disney. Due to the mobility each have experienced, together they have been able to provide for their kids in ways that own parents could not. Unlike most poster parents, they are both Black and they live outside of safe in-town enclaves like Grant Park and Virginia Highlands. They live in Grayson, the home of many southern Baptists with conservative attitudes. After successfully adopting, they thought about Decatur as a more hospitable neighborhood for their new family unit. But a close friend of Larry's encouraged them to stay their ground. "Meaghan challenged me. She

said 'you're going to let other people dictate how you raise your family? You've lived in Gwinnett county ever since you've been in Georgia.' They know who we are. They might not always like it but they respect us."

Earlier in the interview Larry mentioned that he has sent online missives to Oprah Winfrey urging her to do a show on gay parents. He believes that the hardened hearts of many heteros might be softened by exposure to the day-to-day lives of couples such as Mark and him. I asked him what he might say if he himself were allowed a chat with Oprah. "I would say 'look at the track record of all the gays and lesbians who are parenting. We are human beings all capable of nurturing and loving.' I would say 'there are so many kids out there who need homes and need to be loved.'"

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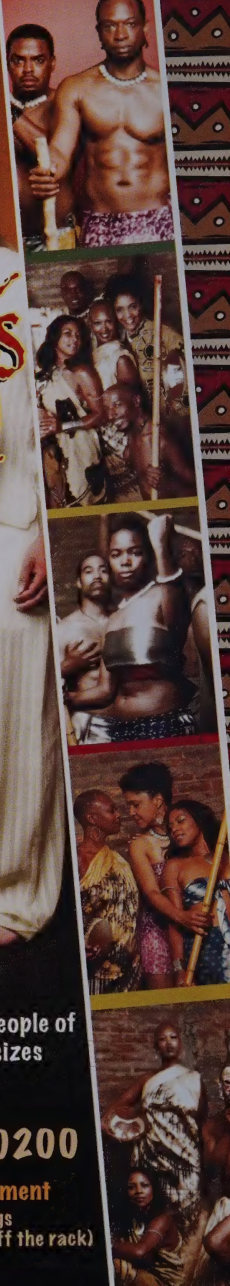
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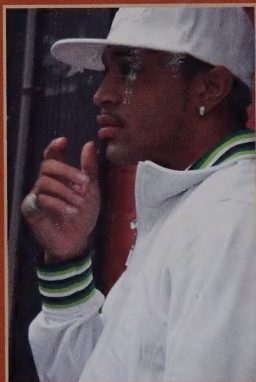
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Breakfast Included

The Gallery Bistro
4225 Snapfinger Woods
Drive (off Wesley Chapel)
Decatur, GA
15 minutes from downtown
Atlanta
For info & directions:
1-888-295-1878

**Sunday, September 4th
"Sensual Sunday"**

The Erotic Bizarre.....
Tantalizing to the Mind,
Body & Soul

An afternoon filled
with...

- Art
- Music
- Spoken Word
- Erotica
- Vendors
- Body Massage...and
more!

Soul food menu items
Special guest female
DJ's

Begins at 3pm until
9pm
Admission: \$10
Free Admission with
ITLA VIP Pass

Showtime Cafe
687 Memorial Drive
Atlanta, GA
404-475-1200

For info & directions:
1-888-295-1878

Craig here are the proofs for the Black Pride Event

Chik Pak condom insert = 1,000

Standard Male insert = 2,500

Spanish insert = 500

Let me know

Thanks

Michael

VENDOR SPACE SPECIFICATIONS (Please Check off the space)

Requested Seating Dates

☒ Friday 9-01 ☐ Saturday 9-02 ☐ Sunday 9-03

Organization Type

<u>Non-Profit Organization</u>	<u>Per Person</u>	<u>Booth</u>	<u>Profit Business Organization</u>	<u>Per Person</u>	<u>Booth</u>
☐ Information Distributor	\$10	\$25	☐ Sales (non Food Items)	\$25	\$100
☐ Sales (non Food Items)	\$15	\$50			

Special Requirements

- | | | |
|--|---|--|
| ☐ Table & 2 Chair (Standard)
Or you check if a table is not needed | ☐ Electrical Service
Add \$10 per day | ☐ 10' or 12' Phase Line (Standard)
Add \$10 per day |
| ☐ Space and/or table or chair
Please specify in detail or note | ☐ Information Booth (table provided) | ☐ Special Load in space
Please specify in detail or note |

Payment

☐ Total Amount Due: _____

☐ MasterCard/VISA/Discover/Express Card: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Credit Card Signature: _____

Credit Card Billing Address: _____

Credit Card Security Code: _____

Sent application online
In The Life Atlanta, Inc.
VENDOR AGREEMENT

Date: _____

Receipt No: 06X _____

Last name: Washington

Confirmation # 12494761
First name: Craig

Company: Positive Impact

Position: Volunteer and Training Coordinator

Address: 139 Ralph McGill Blvd

City: Atlanta State: GA Zip: 30311

Telephone: 404 589 9040 Fax: 4 589 1615 Cell: 404.849.

X 304

Email Address: _____

VENDOR SPACE SPECIFICATIONS (please check all that apply)

Requested Vending Dates

☒ Friday 9/01 ☐ Saturday 9/02 ☐ Sunday 9/03

Organization Type

<u>Non-Profit Organization</u>	<u>3-Day Price</u>	<u>Daily</u>	<u>Profit Business/Organization</u>	<u>3-Day Price</u>	<u>Daily</u>
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Special Requirements

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| ☐ Table & 2 Chairs (Standard)
<i>Do not check if a table is not needed</i> | ☐ Electrical Service
<i>Add \$10 per day</i> | ☐ Direct Phone Line (shared)
<i>Add \$10 flat rate</i> |
| ☐ Space only, no table or chairs
<i>I have my own display or racks.</i> | ☐ Information only, no table needed | ☐ Special Load in required
<i>Please specify exact need</i> |

Payment

☐ Total Amount Enclosed: _____

☐ MasterCard/Visa/American Express: Card# _____ Exp. Date _____

Credit Card Signature: _____

Credit Card Billing Address: _____

Credit Card Security Code: _____

NOTE: VENDOR SPACE CONTRACTS MUST BE FINALIZED AND PAID IN FULL BY MIDNIGHT JULY 31st, 2006.

VENDOR AGREEMENT
In The Life Agency, Inc.

Last name: Washington First name: Craig
 Company: Positive Impact Volunteer and Training Consultants
 Address: 131 Ralph McCall Blvd
 City: Atlanta State: GA Zip: 30311
 Telephone: 404 289 2040 Fax: 404 289 1612 Cell: 404 844 4444
 Email Address: _____

VENDOR SPACE SPECIFICATIONS (please check all that apply)

Requested Vending Dates

☒ Friday 8/11 ☐ Saturday 8/12 ☐ Sunday 8/13

Organization Type

☐ Non-Profit Organization	☐ For Profit Business/Commission
☐ Information Distribution ☐ Sales (non food items) ☐ Sales (food items)	☐ Sales (non food items) ☐ Sales (food items)

Special Requirements

☐ Table & 2 Chairs (standard)
☐ Do not check if a table is not required
☐ Higher top, no table or chairs
☐ I have my own display or table
☐ Information only, no table needed
☐ Electrical Service
☐ Direct Traffic Line (other exit)
☐ Special Food or beverage
☐ Please specify menu below

Payment

☐ Total Amount Enclosed
☐ Statement/Invoice/Accounting Expense Card
 Credit Card Signature: _____
 Credit Card Billing Address: _____
 Credit Card Security Code: _____

NOTE: VENDOR SPACE CONTRACTS MUST BE FINALIZED AND PAID IN FULL BY MIDNIGHT JULY 14, 2008.
 TO BOOK THE VENDOR SPACE, PLEASE CALL THE VENDOR SERVICE CENTER AT 404-289-1612.

ITLA VENDOR GUIDELINES

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Mechanical Requirements

Vendor spaces are six feet by six feet (6'x 6') each. No structure may exceed this dimension without prior approval. Additional space(s) with one (1) 6' table and two (2) chairs may be obtained for \$45. per space per day. However, consecutive spaces shall not exceed three (3) spaces.

Signature

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For Vendor:

Signature

Date

Print Name

Print Title

For In The Life Atlanta:

Signature

Date

Print Name

Print Title

Please sign and return this form with your payment. A signed copy will be returned to you as a receipt.

ITLA VENDOR GUIDELINES

Vendors are prohibited from selling alcoholic beverages or bringing glass bottles/containers onto the celebration grounds or its surroundings. Vendors shall not display, offer for sale or sell any illegal or contraband items. The laws of the State of Georgia and local ordinances of the City of Atlanta and DeKalb County shall apply.

Vendors are prohibited from setting any merchandise, ITLA-related, alcoholic beverages, and/or on the celebration grounds or its surroundings which infringe ITLA or Black Day Trade without a written agreement with ITLA, Inc. for the celebration sale of said merchandise.

All artwork must be maintained and stored out of public view at all times. ITLA, Inc. assumes no responsibility or liability for any Vendor's lost and/or stolen artwork.

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ITLA, Inc. shall assign all Vendor space upon receipt of a fully executed Vendor Application Form with all necessary documentation required. It may, and applicable law A 223, Inc. will be charged for all checks that are returned to ITLA, Inc. for any reason. Applications received after July 31st, 2008 will be considered only if space is available and will be assigned a \$150 late processing fee. Vending applications must be submitted in writing to the mail box or email by midnight July 31, 2008. A \$15 processing fee shall be assessed against all such requests. No refund requests shall be honored after midnight July 31, 2008.

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Vendor Guidelines

Vendors space six feet by six feet (6'x6') each. No structure may exceed this dimension without prior approval. Additional space(s) will cost (1) \$100 and two (2) tables may be mounted for \$45 per space per day. However, consecutive spaces shall not exceed three (3) spaces.

Insurance

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For ITLA Atlanta:

For Vendor:

Signature	Date
Print Name	
Print Title	

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Positive Impact Booth Schedule

Atlanta Black Gay Pride 2006

Sheraton Colony Square Hotel

14th Street and Courtland Ave 404-892-6000

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2:30pm – 5:00pm

Rick Brown

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THE 7TH ANNUAL BLACK GAY PRIDE MARCH PARADE PRE-MEETING MINUTES (12 July 2007 – 18.30)

ADMINISTRATION	COMMUNICATIONS	OUTREACH TEAM	LOGISTICS
Get Permit from City	Coordinate Media Interviews w/ Chair	Promote March @ Discussion/Community Groups, Churches, etc. *no one does media interviews but Chair	A/V Equipment (Mics, Speakers, LCD projectors, etc)
Secure Route (if Sun, meet w/ Churches on route)	Press Releases	Pass out Flyers and Clubs/Evnts	Signage
Hire Police Officers (1 per 50?)	Website	Other word of mouth advertising	Refreshments at Town Hall
Secure TownHall Venues	Email	Collects emails and text messages	
Prepare & Monitor Budget	Text Messages? Flyer		

The Planning Committee will be divided up into the following four **Sub-Committees**, listed above with the tasks already assigned to them.

The Sub-Committees will then act like a **Cabinet to the Chair**. Appointing 1 Chair per Subcommittee that will meet regularly with the chair. Each member of the Cabinet will get 1 vote, along with the chair, for a 5-vote total, to decide crucial issues affecting the march, including the division of labor among the Subcommittees.

Charles will assist the Cabinet in the position of **Secretary**, taking minutes of the meeting.
khalid will assist the Cabinet as the **Liaison to ITLA**.

Craig, khalid and Charles will call the following people (pg. 2) to ask them to sit on the aforementioned Subcommittees. Two weekly meeting times (below) will be suggested, with the most popular one being adopted as the Cabinet's weekly meeting time.

The role of the Parade/March Chair is speak publicly about the March/Parade, giving *all* media interviews re: the Parade/March; and to organize/moderate Cabinet Meetings. Only the Sub-committee Chairs, March/Parade Chair, Secretary and ITLA Liaison are invited to attend the future Cabinet Meetings.

Suggested Meeting Times:

Tuesdays @ 8PM

Saturdays @ 4PM

Suggested Meeting Location:

Positive Impact – 139 Ralph McGill Blvd, 30308 – 404.589.9040

People in **bold** have said "Yes" and indicated a Meeting Preference.
People in *italics* have declined.

Craig's Calling List

Craig

Mary Anne (Chair)
Nikki Young (Chair/Logistics)
Clorice Harvey (Chair/Admin)
Kim Knuckles (Logistics)
Rodney Williams (Logistics)
Denise – Affairs w/ Flair (Admin)
Zina Agee (Admin)
Simone Bell (Comm)
Maurice Cook (Comm)
Darlene Hudson (Comm)
Pastor Clay (Outreach)
Kevin Byner (Outreach)
DeeDee (Outreach)
Marissa Penderman (Outreach)

Charles Calling List

Charles

Adolph St. Armond (Admin)
John Jordan (Admin)
Lucas Johnson (Admin)
Sheree Grey (Admin)
Cheryl (Admin)
Mashaun Simon (Comm)
George Morgan (Comm)
Taliba (Outreach)
Stephaun Clipper-Wallace (Outreach)
Vincent Allen (Outreach)
Mona (Outreach)

khalid Calling List

khalid

*Veronica – Pretty Boyz (Logistics) – No
Will fwd to member of her organization.*
Derrick Wallace (Logistics)
Anthony (Admin) – Tues/8
John Ortiz (Admin) – Tues/8

FIRST MEETING AGENDA

At the end of a 30 minute discussion [I just added that time restraint in, what do you think?] all those present will **Decide By Vote on weather this shall be more of a March or Parade.**

Those present will **Break-Out into Sub-committees to elect respective Chairs.** Again, only the Sub-committee Chairs, Parade/March Chair, Secretary and ITLA Liaison are invited to attend the future Cabinet Meetings.

Though this meeting may run a little longer, **future Cabinet Meeting will be confined to One Hour, in which Subcommittee chairs**

- 1) **report update the Cabinet on their progress**
- 2) **develop and March/Parade Agenda, and**
- 3) **seek counsel in advancing Parade/March goals.**

IN THE LIFE ATLANTA, INC'S SOUVENIR GUIDE GUIDELINES AND POLICY

P.O. Box 7206
Atlanta, Georgia 30357-0206
678-799-8526
www.inthelifeatl.com

Advertising Design and Mechanical Requirements

1. All ads must be submitted in 300 dpi TIFF, EPS, PSD, or PDF format.
2. When submitting original material larger or smaller than advertisement size, ITLA will charge a (20%) surcharge of the advertisement's full rate, to make the advertisement camera ready. Upon receipt of your ad, you will be invoiced for the amount of the ad and any additional processing required by our graphic arts partner, EM Design Group.
3. Email artwork to: **info@emdesignsgroup.com**

ITLA, Inc Policy

1. Acceptance of advertising is subject to ITLA's approval including but not limited to copy, text, photography, and illustration. All advertisements are published in the representation that that advertiser and/or the advertising agency agree to indemnify and save harmless In The Life Atlanta from any and all liabilities, loss, and expense of any nature arising out of such publication of contents of advertising.
2. Advertisers and advertising agencies are responsible for the text, representation, illustrations and/or photography and all other contents of advertisements. Advertisers and advertising agencies are responsible for proofreading their advertisement.
3. In The Life Atlanta reserves the right to mark any advertisement "Paid Advertising" or "Advertising" if, in the judgment of the publisher, it looks like editorial content.
4. Advertisers and advertising agencies are further responsible, without limitation, for any and all claims made within the advertisement.
5. ITLA, Inc. reserves the right to reject any advertisement which in its opinion, does not meet the ethical, social, aesthetic and fair practice standard.
6. Drawings, artwork and articles for reproduction will be accepted only at the advertiser's risk.
7. ITLA, Inc. will not be held liable for the return of any submitted advertising artwork. Advertisers should enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope to facilitate the return of any advertising materials.

Deadline

Artwork and Payment must be received no later than August 4th, 2006



Celebrating 10 Years of Community Service

February 28, 2006

Greetings,

In The Life Atlanta Inc. is pleased to announce Atlanta Black Gay Pride 2005 "Living In Our Pride" taking place August 30th 2006 – September 4th 2006. This year, we will be celebrating our Ten Year Anniversary. As the nation's largest annual Black Gay Pride celebration, we anticipate a record number of attendees and are planning an exciting array of activities and events for our guests.

As a vendor in 2005, we would like to give you priority in reserving your space for 2006. As you are already aware, we will sell out of spaces and recommend early registration to ensure you do not miss out. This year's dates for vending will be:

Friday: September 1st, 2006 (load in and set up @ 12PM open from 4PM - 11PM)

Saturday: September 2nd, 2006 10AM - 10PM

Sunday: September 3rd, 2006 12PM - 6PM

You may elect to pay your registration in full or make a deposit of 50% of the fee now with the balance due by July 31st, 2006. Payment may be made via Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or check. To reserve your space today, complete and mail the enclosed application along with your full payment or 50% deposit. We will send you a payment receipt or deposit invoice along with your registration confirmation.

We are excited about the possibilities this year brings as we celebrate our 10-year anniversary. As a member of our family, we look forward to having you join us once again for Atlanta Black Gay Pride.

Sincerely,

Hospitality and Registration Committee

In The Life Atlanta, Inc.

VENDOR AGREEMENT

Date: _____

Receipt No: 06X _____

Last name: _____ First name : _____

Company: _____ Position: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

VENDOR SPACE SPECIFICATIONS (please check all that apply)

Requested Vending Dates

☐ -Friday 9/01 ☐ -Saturday 9/02 ☐ -Sunday 9/03

Organization Type

<u>Non-Profit Organization</u>	<u>3-Day Price</u>	<u>Daily</u>	<u>Profit Business/Organization</u>	<u>3-Day Price</u>	<u>Daily</u>
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Special Requirements

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
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<i>Please specify exact need</i> |

Payment

☐ **Total Amount Enclosed:** _____

☐ **MasterCard/Visa/American Express: Card#** _____ **Exp. Date** _____

Credit Card Signature: _____

Credit Card Billing Address: _____

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For Vendor:

For In The Life Atlanta:

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

Print Name

Print Name

Print Title

Print Title

Please sign and return this form with your payment. A signed copy will be returned to you as a receipt.

139 Ralph McGill Blvd. Suite 301 Atlanta, Georgia 30308
404-589-9040 (fax) 404-589-1615

POSITIVE IMPACT

Fax

To:

Pride Guide Coordinators

From:

Craig Washington

Fax:

Pages:

1pg.

Phone:

Date:

8/10/06

Re:

CC:

☒ Urgent

☐ For Review

☐ Please Comment

☐ Please Reply

☐ Please Recycle

• Comments:

6:30pm - 9:00pm

Green Dances

Saturday, September 2nd Health Expo

9am - 12 noon

Craig Washington

Zoe Dale

11:30am - 3:00pm

Bryan Raybon

2:30pm - 5:00pm

Positive Impact Booth Schedule

Atlanta Black Gay Pride 2006

Sheraton Colony Square Hotel

14th Street and Courtland Ave 404-892-6000

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6:30pm – 9:00pm

Gwen Davies

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Friday, September 1st - Saturday, September 2nd
14th Street and Cleveland Ave 404-892-6000
Stratton Colony Square Hotel
Atlanta Black Gay Ride 2004
Positive Impact! Booth Schedule

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12 noon - 5:00 pm

Sandra Muckie
4pm - 7:00pm

Gene Davis
6:30pm - 9:00pm

Saturday, September 2nd Health Expo

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Craig Washington
Joe Dale

Byron Raydon
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2:30pm - 5:00pm

For more info about Atlanta Black Gay Ride activities (Friday, September 1st through Monday, September 4th), please visit www.abgride.com.

In The Life Atlanta, Inc
ADVERTISING APPLICATION
Black Gay Pride Celebration Souvenir Guide

Date: 8/10/06 Receipt No: 06G _____

Last name: Washington First name: Craig

Company: Positive Impact Position: Volunteer and Training Coordinator

Address: 139 Ralph McGill Blvd

City: Atlanta State: GA Zip: 30308

Telephone: 404 589 9040 Fax: 404 589 1615 Cell: 404 849 4461

Email Address: craig.washington@positiveimpact-atl.org

ADVERTISING SPACE SPECIFICATIONS (please check all that apply)

- | | |
|---|-------------------------------|
| ☐ Back Cover – Full Bleed (5.75" x 8.75") | \$1,500 Call for availability |
| ☐ Inside Front /Inside Back Cover – Full Bleed | \$1,000 Call for availability |
| ☐ Gate Fold | \$1,500 |
| ☐ Full Bleed (5.75" x 8.75") | \$650 |
| ☐ Half Page Horizontal (4.75"x 3.75") Vertical (2.25" x 7.75") | \$350 |
| ☒ Quarter Page Horizontal (4.75" x 1.875") <u>Vertical (2.25" x 3.75)</u> | <u>\$175</u> |
| ☐ Business Cards Horizontal (3.5" x 2") Vertical (2" x 3.5") | \$ 75 |

Please indicate layout (check only one box)

- ☐ Horizontal ☒ Vertical

WAVIER of LIABILITY

I, Craig Washington, as an officer or agent of Positive Impact accept full responsibility for the involvement of the referenced group, organization or individual for the publication of this advertisement.

I agree to hold harmless In The Life Atlanta, Inc (ITLA), its successors and assigns and all persons acting under its authority for any and all civil and/or criminal liability under the Laws and Regulations of Fulton County and these United States which may result from the publication of In The Life Atlanta Souvenir Guide or any attendant activity.

I have read the **ADVERTISING GUIDELINES SHEET** and agree to its conditions without any further contact or notice.

Client's Signature Craig Washington Date 8/10/06

ITLA's Signature _____ Date _____

A signed copy as your receipt will be returned to you along with your invoice. You may email this completed form to advertising@inthelifeatl.com, fax to 404.506.9730, or mail to ITLA PO Box 7206, Atlanta GA 30357-0206

Saturday September 2nd

1-2:15pm

Workshop: The Rules of Engagement

Summary: If you've had enough of one-night stands, short-term love affairs, or Mr. Right-Now, then this is the workshop for you. This workshop is designed to help men and women develop a relationship resume of quality. Come and learn the secrets to a long-term love affair in the new millennium.

Presenter: Benn Setfrey

Location: Marietta Room

Workshop: Reconciling Your Sexual Orientation with Your Spirituality

Summary: All fear, doubt, self-hatred and self-condemnation cease when we realize that each of us, in the midst of who we are as LGBT individuals, were uniquely created for a divine purpose. Join us as we explore principles on how spiritual growth can lead to liberation in every area of your life.

Presenter: Bryan Edney

Location: Roswell Room

Workshop: Puppy Love

Summary: A Community Group Discussion, the purpose is to encourage dialogue to begin building bridges and fill generational gaps. This event is for GLBTQ Youth of Color only: Male, Female, & Transgendered, people of color, 25 & under.

Presenter: J. Lawrence Warren

Location: Piedmont Room

Workshop: James Baldwin: His Works, His Life

Summary: Writers Vincent Tolliver and Clarence Nero will lead a lively discussion on Baldwin's influence on religion, politics, and culture. Tolliver and Nero will explore the following question: Is James Baldwin relevant today?

Presenter: Vincent Tolliver

Location: Highlands Room

Workshop: BDSM 101

Summary: Our first seminar will be a general forum where people will get to learn about BDSM and Leather and learn some of the basic rules and regulations and the history of people of color in leather. We will also do only two simple demos.

Presenter: Southeast Men of Onyx

Location: Ansley Room

Workshop: Transgender, Transsexualism from a TransMale Perspective

Summary: Southeastern Transgender Wellness Conference

Presenter: Bill Coghill

Location: Fulton Room

Workshop: Beyond Black and Christian

Summary: A panel discussion that will focus on 3 areas: A critique around how much power the Black community gives to Christianity, how does your faith deal with issues of homosexuality, what power does Christianity give to the Black community?

Presenter: Sandra Lawson

Location: Peachtree Room

Saturday, September 2nd 2:30-3:45

Workshop: BDSM 201

Summary: We will do a brief recap of the first session, do some more demonstrations, and have more dialogue.

Presenter: Southeast Men of Onyx

Location: Ansley Room

Workshop: Brothaz and Sistaz

Summary: Brothaz & Sistaz a discussion group meeting formatted like a social club. This event is for GLBTQ Youth of Color only: Male, Female, & Transgendered, people of color, 25 & under.

Presenter: J. Lawrence Warren

Location: Piedmont Room

Workshop: Struggling Against the Oppressions in the Black Same Gender Loving Community

Summary: How do we struggle against the oppressions in the African American Same Gender Loving Community? This workshop attempts to address this question. It holds up the Black Women's Club Movement, who combated race-gender-class oppression, as an example for moving from victimization to justice makers.

Presenter: Leevahn Smith

Location: Marietta Room

Workshop: Introduction to Polivisity - A Dating Alternative and lifestyle for Black Gay Men of Color

Summary: Exploring *POLIVISITY*- combines the word "Poly" which means "many or several," the word "inclusivity" (the state of including), and fidelity, meaning faithful

Presenter: Cleon T. Day, III

Location: Highlands Room

Workshop: Adopting as SGL parents

Summary: Are you considering adoption as a way of building your family? This workshop is intended for those who are considering adoption.

Presenter: Valarie Barlow

Location: Fulton Room

Workshop: "Brave Souls Ain't Down Low: Keeping it Real for Real in the Age of AIDS

Summary: For several years now, Black America has been bombarded with media about the Down Low Phenomenon-- creating a circus of attention on the lifestyles of black men who love men, though often without representation by those of who live their lives openly and without shame. Brave Soul Collective is a national collective of brothas celebrating the "up high"-- the honoring, exhaltation, and celebration of brave souls who are "out", visible, and gatekeepers in not just same gender loving communities, but in the Black community at large. This workshop is not about vilifying the "Down Low" but questioning its romanticization and placement as a *preferred* way to be a black man who loves men (e.g., from personal ad profiles, to social networks). Brave Soul Collective makes it debut in Atlanta to help "Bring Light to the Truth." Are you ready to flip the switch?

Presenters: Tim'm West, Monte J. Wolfe, Erik Chambers

Location: Kennesaw Room

Workshop: Trans 101

Summary: Southeast Transgender Wellness Conference

Presenter: Earline Budd

Location: Peachtree Room

4pm-5:15pm

Workshop: The Power of One

Summary: This workshop will explore the development of inclusive communities that honor, celebrate, and defend the humanity of everyone. We will explore how love is the binding force that demands and enables radical welcome and justice for all, following the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Dr. Cornell West, bell hooks, and various spiritual perspectives.

Presenters: Rev. Dr. Kathy Martin and Rev. T. Paul Graetz

Location: Marietta Room

Workshop: PEEPS

Summary: A Community Group Discussion, the purpose is to encourage Dialogue to begin building bridges and fill generational gaps. This event is for GLBTQ Youth of Color only: Male, Female, & Transgendered, people of color, 25 & under

Presenter: J. Lawrence Warren

Location: Piedmont Room

Workshop: In the Raw: Men of Color Barebacking

Summary: Hedonistic pleasure or act of trust? Reckless behavior or responsible risk? Join us as we examine the multiple angles of this issue. Panel featuring: Ty Lattmire, Anthony Antoine, Malik Williams, and Kevin Bynes

Presenter: Craig Washington

Location: Ansley Room

Workshop: "But You Promised"...A Public Conversation

Summary: Workshop will focus on domestic violence (emotional & physical abuse) in lesbian relationships. We will begin by defining abusive relationships, pointing out significant differences between homosexual and heterosexual abusive relationships (factors influencing), discussing some options for "escaping" the relationship and how to start to heal afterwards.

Presenter: Kita Sims

Location: Highlands Room

Workshop: Transgender Panel Discussion: "TRANSPHOBIA" in The Black Gay Community

Summary: Southeastern Trans Wellness Conference

Presenter: Dee Dee Chamblee

Location: Fulton Room

5:30-6:45pm

Workshop: "F" What you Heard, This is Me, Love Me or Hate Me

Summary: An interactive workshop centered around college students accepting their sexuality and being comfortable in their skin, helping build confidence, and to promote high self-esteem. Participants will talk and get a better understanding about sexual discrimination/abuse on college campuses

Presenter: Damon Watson

Location: Marietta Room

Workshop: Narcotics Anonymous, A Road to Recovery

Summary: To inform the public that NA exists and offers recovery from the disease of addiction. We are a recovery organization whose members meet regularly to help each other stay clean from all drugs, including alcohol.

Presenter: Freddie Harris

Location: Roswell Room

Workshop: Locating US: Atlanta and LGBT Historical Preservation

Summary: Though gains have been made in documenting LGBT history over the last two decades, gaps still remain, especially at the local level, and more so with communities of color. This workshop addresses the role of archives as repositories of individual and cultural memory, thus history.

Presenter: Kerrie Cotton Williams and Wesley Chenault

Location: Piedmont Room

Workshop: Creating winning storylines and getting the publishing deal of your dreams

Summary: A comprehensive workshop that examines plot, character, and other elements of fiction. While the second half of the workshop will take a look at publishing, including everything from writing solid query letters to getting an agent.

Presenter: Clearance Nero

Location: Ansley Room

Workshop: HIV/AIDS: Risk Reduction in Trans-Community

Summary: Southeastern Trans Wellness Conference

Presenter: Toni Collins-Quarterman

Location: Peachtree Room

Sunday.....1pm-2:15pm

Workshop: Broken to Mended

Summary: This workshop is designed to reach out to those who have experience broken hearts, souls, minds, and relationships. Many have damaged emotions, broken hearts, minds with no peace; this brokenness deals with your souls, your minds, wills, and emotions. Although they have been broken in the past or even now, this workshop is for men to encourage each other with a round table discussion about situations that are causing us to be broken and how we can help each other to gain Wholeness.

Presenter: Terrance Tindall

Location: Marietta Room

Workshop: Creating Healing Through Addressing Aggression in Our Relationships

Summary: This workshop will identify areas of abuse/aggression in relationships and introduce interventions to contain these and foster intimacy through communication.

Presenter: Robert Mathis

Location: Kennesaw Room

Workshop: Homosexuality and the Black Church- A Journey to Healing

Summary: The workshop will examine how the historic black church has dealt with homosexuality. We will vector our focus toward creating a safe

emotional space for LGBT Christians of color to embrace their faith.

Presenter: Franc Perry

Location: Roswell Room

Workshop: Black, Gay, and Greek: The Challenges of LGBT Members of Black Fraternities and Sororities

Summary: We will discuss prominent gay members of fraternities and sororities, the potential blackballing of openly gay aspirants, ostracization of members who come out of the closet, and how to reconcile sexuality with brotherhood or sisterhood. We will also briefly touch on organizational stereotypes and how they affect the internal and public perception of homosexuals within the organizations.

Presenter: Rashid Darden

Location: Piedmont Room

Workshop: Men, Sex, and Spirit pt. 1

Summary: There seems to be a consensus within the African American, Same Gender Loving community that love and relationships do not exist. More specifically, many black SGL men find it increasingly difficult to negotiate and incorporate sexuality with spirituality. This workshop will discuss issues related to Spirituality, Sexuality and a combination of the two. It explores the stereotypes within black SGL relationships. It seeks to challenge how we define our lives separate from heterosexual standards

Presenter: Lee Henderson, Jaleel Humphrey, Billy Dixon

Location: Ansley Room

2:30-3:45

Workshop: He's Gotta Have It!

Summary: Meet me at the Club...it's going down. Meet me at the mall it's going down. Meet me at the park, it's going down. Meet me at....? What happens when Adam4Adam, Men4Now, Piedmont Park, Underground, The Gyms and other options become a regular obsessive way for black gay men to find sex? Do we have control when and with whom we have sex? Come find out what's *really* going down!

Presenter: Jon Gabriel Ortiz

Location: Highlands Room

Workshop: No Fats? No Fems? Gay Men and Body Image

Summary: We see the signs everywhere, from the mostly muscled bodies in our magazines and promotional materials, to personal ads and online profiles. Are brothas just pursuing what they like? Or are they perpetuating discrimination in our communities? Can we not help the things that arouse us, even if it's the very thing that oppresses us? Are they engaged in sexual freedom? Or are they practicing "sexual apartheid?" Should we be striving for the "perfect" gym body, or should we love ourselves and each other in all the shapes and sized we come in? These questions and more will be explored in this workshop.

Presenter: Ulester Douglass

Location: Kennesaw Room

Workshop: The S.H.E. Experience: Journey to Becoming a Powerful Woman

Summary: Everyone needs a S.H.E. Experience. That's an experience of Self-acceptance, Honesty and Expression. The journey of a Powerful Woman has sharp curves and loops and twists. It's important to have an internal compass to help us find our way.

Presenter: Gwendolyn Thomas

Location: Marietta Room

Workshop: From Friendship to Relationship

Summary: Have you ever met someone in the club or out and about and wanted to get to know them but didn't know how to approach them? Do you ever wonder how you can just be friends with someone without having sex first? This workshop will walk an individual through the steps of how to develop a friendship that could evolve into a relationship.

Presenter: LaMont "Montee Jamal" Evans

Location: Roswell Room

Workshop: Transgender Law

Summary: Southeastern Trans Wellness Conference

Presenter: Jamie Roberts

Location: Fulton Room

Workshop: Men, Sex, and Spirit pt. 2

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Presenters: Lee Henderson, Jaleel Humphrey, Billy Dixon

Location: Ansley Room

4pm-5:15pm

Workshop: Hip-Hop, Homophobia, and the Black Church

Summary: The panel's purpose is to engender public discourse on the Black Church's response to Hip-Hop and Homophobia

Presenter: Vincent Tolliver

Location: Ansley Room

Workshop: Life Strategic Planning

Summary: Join Montee as he provides a roadmap on how to develop a lifetime plan for those interested in getting more out of their life. Let Montee show you what works a keeping him successful, both personally and professionally.

Presenter: LaMont "Montee Jamal" Evans

Location: Roswell Room

Workshop: Can We Be Intimate Without Sex?

Summary: This workshop: "Can we be Intimate without SEX ?" will explore the process of dating. We will discuss various definitions of relationships. We will have demonstrations of intimacy (hand holding, hugging and eye contact) share affirmations with each other, role play and some brief meditative exercises.

Presenter: Maurice Cook

Location: Kennesaw Room

Workshop: 2006 Spiritual Health Information Session

Summary: This workshop is designed to create a relationship between GLBT individuals and area welcoming churches. The goal is to provide the individual with keys to spiritual health. The workshop reinforces that God loves the GLBT individual just the way they are. Refreshments will be provided.

Presenter: Shannon Gresham

Location: Peachtree Room

5:30-6:45

Workshop: Veil of Secrecy: Shame, and Guilt Regarding HIV in the African-American Community

Summary: Combating the silence around the issues of those infected or affected with HIV/ Mental Health & Substance Abuse utilizing the Harm Reduction approach for individual impact among professional and non-traditional service providers in the African American community.

Presenter: Zina Age

Location: Marietta Room

Workshop: Healing Our Childhood Wounds

Summary : Join Montee as he demonstrates and shares his four-step process for resolving childhood wounds that affect us to this day...some would call it baggage. Let Montee help you unpack the baggage that holds you back from being the best you could ever be. This workshop is not for the faint at heart.

Presenter: LaMont "Montee Jamal" Evans

Location: Roswell Road

Craig Washington

From: Michael Slaughter [mslaughter@inthelifeatl.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2006 1:54 PM
To: Michael Slaughter
Subject: Atlanta 2006 Black LGBT Pride Market Place

Greetings Vendor:

In The Life Atlanta would like to thank you for participating in the Black Pride Marketplace at Atlanta Black Gay Pride 2005. This letter will provide you with information about operating hours, load in and load out, security, and other important information.

Location: Sheraton Midtown Atlanta Hotel at Colony Square
188 14th Street Northeast
Atlanta, Georgia 30361
Local: (404) 892-6000
Fax: (404) 876-3276

The Pride Market Place is taking place in the Grand Ballroom South. This location has direct access to hotel loading dock, which is located next to the main entrance of the hotel on 14th Street. From the loading dock, you can load your merchandise directly into the marketplace floor.

The vending floor will have a small stage that will be used for performances, demonstrations, and raffles. If you wish to reserve a time on the stage, please contact us to prior to August 1st, 2005.

Vendor Load In:

Vendors may begin loading in on Friday September 1st 2006 beginning at 10:00AM. All vendors must check in at the event registration desk located in the foyer of the North and South Ballrooms. From here, you will receive your booth assignment and a vending coordinator will assist you with locating your booth. Parking is not included in your vending fees unless otherwise noted. You may choose to park in the Colony Square parking garage at the posted rates. Up until 5PM on weekdays, parking is at the posted ½ hourly rate. After 5PM and on weekends, parking is at a flat rate of \$6.00. If you are staying at the Sheraton Hotel under our discount rate, daily parking is already included in your room rate.

Vendors are responsible for loading in their merchandise. Due to the large amount of guests and other activities taking place in the hotel for the weekend, the hotel cannot guarantee availability of staff to assist with vendor load in and set up. Our vending coordinators may be able to assist with small items however they should not be relied upon as your sole source of assistance.

Neither the hotel nor In The Life Atlanta will accept any responsibility for merchandise delivered to the hotel prior to Thursday September 1st. Any items that will be shipped prior to your arrival to arrive on the 1st must be pre-arranged with us so that we can make proper arrangements. ITLA and the Hotel will only accept responsibility for verifying the packages received but not their contents.

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Sent: Thursday, August 10, 2006 1:34 PM
From: Michael Slaughter (mslaughter@earthlink.net)

Craig Washington

Hours of Operation:

Friday, September 1st 4:00PM to 11:00PM
Saturday, September 2nd 10:00AM to 10:00PM
Sunday, September 3rd 12:00PM to 9:00PM

After Thursday, vendors will have access to set up their booth beginning 4 hours prior to the public hours.

Security:

In The Life Atlanta and the Hotel cannot be held responsible for items left in the vending area overnight. While we will ensure that the space is secured as best possible, we encourage vendors who have specialty or high-ticket items to take extra care. If you require special storage needs, we ask that you contact us as soon as possible so that we may determine how best we can accommodate your needs.

Signage and Marketing:

It is our goal to drive as much traffic to the marketplace as possible. Signage will be posted in public areas of the hotel giving clear directions where each location is. We will also have signage outside of the marketplace listing all vendors who have confirmed as of August 1st, 2006.

Booth Assignments:

Booth assignments will be made to maximize the exposure and placement of all vendors. Vendors requiring special needs may be placed in a location to best meet their requirements (power, telecommunications access, kiosks, ect).

Vendor Service and Surveys:

Located in the marketplace will be an information booth. Should you need assistance at anytime, please see the representative at the information booth that will be happy to assist you. We will also ask that you complete an evaluation survey prior to load out to give us your feedback on your experience. We are constantly working to improve the process and maximize the benefit to our vendors and your feedback is key to helping us achieve this goal.

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